

Madison wants back in Southeastern Career Center

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison Consolidated Schools hopes to once again participate in the Southeastern Career Center in Versailles.

Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown announced at Wednesday’s meeting of the Madison Consolidated Schools board of trustees that the school corporation has asked to rejoin the career center, which Madison withdrew from in July of 2019 and has not participated in since the fall of 2020.

“I’m putting that out there today because while it’s not formally officially adopted yet, we want our students and families to be thinking about it because it’s going to be an opportunity to actually begin this winter signing up for those pathways and certifications that will start next fall at the career center.”

By rejoining the career center, MCS will be able to provide 14 additional career certifications for students. “That will just expand opportunities for them in their future, and give them opportunities,” Brown said.

“There’s lots of different pathways that students will be able to choose from that we just don’t offer,” she added. “There is no way any school corporation could have that many teachers and classes so that’s why you have a consortium that goes together so you can afford it.”

There are currently 11 participating school corporations that make up the Southeastern Career Center: Batesville, Jac-Cen-Del, Jennings County, Lawrenceburg, Milan, Rising Sun, South Dearborn, South Ripley, Southwestern, Sunman-Dearborn and Switzerland County.

For MCS to again become a

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Breakfast Served



A heron wades out into a foggy Ohio River Tuesday morning to grab a snack for breakfast.

Mark Campbell

Lexington man arrested in shooting of Madison man

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Jefferson County man is facing charges of attempted murder after a Madison man was wounded in a shooting that took place in Lexington late Sunday night or early Monday morning.

David Jonathan Gates, 42, of Lexington, Indiana, is charged with a Level 1 felony for the alleged shooting of Michael Wayne Eden, 40, Madison. Eden was shot and wounded in his upper body during an incident in Lexington.

According to a released issued by the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office (JCSP), at approximately 12:01 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8, the Jefferson County Central Dispatch received a call that a male who had been shot was discovered in a vehicle that had pulled over at the Circle K gas station in Hanover. Emergency services, and Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, were immediately dispatched to the scene.

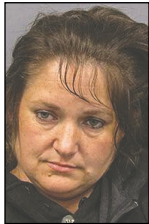
Upon arrival, deputies located the victim, identified as Eden, who was observed to have trauma to his upper body. Medical personnel from Norton King’s Daughters’ Health ambulance service provided patient care at the scene and he was then transported by PHI Air Medical to the University of Louisville Hospital trauma center for further treatment. Eden is currently stable but still a patient in the hospital’s intensive care unit.

Based on JCSP’s investigation, it was determined that the incident had originally took place at a residence on West New Bethel Road in Lexington, Indiana. Deputies went to that location, but no one was found on the property. The residence was secured by the officers and crime scene technicians from the Indiana State Police assisted in processing both the Circle K scene in Hanover and the West New Bethel Road address in Lexington.

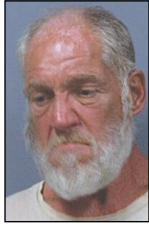
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David Jonathan Gates



Nakeshia Deanna Richardson



David Eugene Thacker

CHARLIE'S BEAT

Loehr rekindles the golden age of radio

David J. Loehr doesn’t appear to be 100 years old. In fact, his actual age is probably somewhere in the range of half that. But his deep love and fascination for the Golden Age of Radio is more typical of someone born in the 1920s, when radio was king, and imagination provided the visual imagery.

“There’s just something magical about it,” explains David, “the ability of the mind to fill in a full universe of sights and sounds and smells, based solely on what’s coming out of a simple radio speaker. I’ve always been fascinated by the phenomenon, and I’ve been creating my own radio performances for several decades now.”

The next live performance of David’s pet project, The Incomparable Radio Theater, will be happening at the Ohio Theatre on Sept. 26 at 8 p.m., with tickets available at MadTix-Events.com, or at the door. It’s a rare opportunity to see the sounds of radio being made, complete with live music, sound effects, and scripted live voice actors.

“The title of this show is Viva Aloha,” says David, “and it’s a kind of mashup between Rockford Files, Magnum P.I. and Simon & Simon, lots of detective-style adventure set in a classic Hawaii environment. There’s murder, music, big waves, and lots of fun and humor holding it all together. It’s essentially a music concert with a story providing the glue. Our shows typically run about two hours with the intermission.

“The actors are a bunch of folks I’ve worked with before. Bryan Heath is out of Louisville, he’ll be playing the lead male character. Kelley Hoagland will be the female lead and doing a lot of singing. I voice the private eye part. Jeff Brautigam is a kind of surfer dude persona. And Stephanie Hellmann fills the role of Higgins, if you’re familiar with the Magnum P.I. cast.

“The band is a core of Slick River Rockets guys, with a couple of additions. We’re calling them The Hawaiian Eyes for this production. It’s Greg Beach, Chip Binzer, Rick Bennett and Eric Phagan. The music will have a decidedly rockabilly feel, with a hint of surf and cowboy flavor thrown in for good measure.

“People may wonder, Why would I want to sit and watch a

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OBITUARY

Jerri Lynn Burns

Jerri Lynn Burns, passed from this life on Aug. 30th, 2025.

Jerri started her floral career at 17. She owned and operated Fountain of Flowers for 27 years.

Jerri married Michael Burns on July 16, 2001.

She loved her horses and riding with her friends. She raised German Shepherds and Labradors. Jerri surrounded herself with a menagerie of different animals and shared her life with them on the ranch. She was a member of the church of the open air.

Jerri was preceded by her grandparents, Hugh and Beulah Muster,

Father, Earl Schmidt, Mother, Frances Richey, Sister, Traci (Richey) Mack.

Jerri is survived by her sister, Ricke Paige Dudley,



Brother, Duane Schmidt,

Her son, Seth Sampson, Grandson, Dalton Ryder Sampson, many nieces, and grand nephews.

Jerri will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by her family, friends, clients, and so many others whose lives she touched with her care and love.

A celebration of life is planned for Oct. 25, 2025, at The Livery Stable from 2 - 7 p.m.

DEATH NOTICES

Tom Brawner, 74, of Deputy, IN, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025, at his residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Donald "Duane" Dye 67, of Florence, IN, died Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, at his daughter's home. Cremation was chosen with no formal services. Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral

Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Sharon Lee Heffner Mardin, 82, died Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025, at Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay, IN. Cremation was chosen with burial at Highland Park Cemetery, in Fort Wayne, IN. Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Lotteries

INDIANA Hoosier Lotto: 6-9-12-15-38-44 (9/10). **Estimated Jackpot:** \$2.2 million. **Next Drawing** (9/13) **Cash Five:** 5-12-13-25-41 (9/10) **Cash 4 Life:** 6-7-17-37-42 CB: 1 (9/10)

KENTUCKY Cash Ball: 4-5-10-18 CB: 20 (9/10) **Lucky For Life:** 11-12-35-37-45 LB: 11 (9/10)

MEGAMILLIONS: 6-43-52-64-65 MB: 22 (9/9) **Next Jackpot:** \$381 million. **Next Drawing** (9/12) **POWERBALL:** 2-24-45-53-64 PB: 5, PP 2 (9/10). **Next Estimated Jackpot:** \$50 million. **Next Drawing** (9/13) **POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY:** 2-12-27-31-60 PB: 10 (9/10). **Next Estimated Jackpot:** Up to \$10 million. **Next Drawing** (9/13)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madison-courier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 12

Carolyn Alcorn

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 14

Tim & Carol Rogers - 34

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:19 a.m.
Sunset: 7:55 p.m.
Temperature: High 83, Low 55, Mean 69.0, Deficit 5.4
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, September 2025: 2.02
Precipitation, 2025: 43.39

Barometer 30.03, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.90 feet, Rising
Forecast: Saturday: Mostly sunny High 86/Low 59; Sunday: Mostly sunny High 89/Low 60; Monday: Mostly sunny High 91/Low 61; Tuesday: Mostly sunny High 91/Low 60.

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Investigators learned that Gates allegedly had an altercation with Eden during which he produced a firearm and shot Eden. Gates was later located in Clark County, Indiana, hiding in a trailer in a wooded area. He was taken into custody and transported to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center, where he is currently being held on a charge of Attempted Murder, a Level 1 felony, with bond set at \$1 million cash.

Two others were arrested in connection with the incident. Nakeshia Deanna Richardson, 39, of Lexington, Indiana, was

charged with Assisting a Criminal, a Level 5 felony; Obstruction of Justice, a Level 6 felony; and False Informing, a Class A misdemeanor, and is being held on a \$50,000 cash bond. David Eugene Thacker, 56, Louisville, was charged with False Informing, a Class A misdemeanor, and is being held on a \$5,000 cash bond.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was assisted in the investigation by the Indiana State Police, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Clark County EMA, Indiana Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officers, Jeffersonville Police Department, City of Madison Police Department, Norton King's Daughters' Health Emergency Services, and PHI Helicopter Service.

Jail launches JCAP to support recovery

BY **BOB DEMAREE**

A Jail Chemical Addiction Program (JCAP) was launched last month and is now in its fifth week at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center.

"This groundbreaking program for Jefferson County is a 90-day program that has been carefully designed to address the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals struggling with substance abuse — whether related to drugs or alcohol — by providing a solid foundation for recovery," said Jefferson County Sheriff Ben Flint, who along with other local officials worked to implement the program.

JCAP is a three-year pilot program that is being supported by a \$750,000 grant from the Bethany Legacy Foundation —

\$250,000 each year — that also includes co-investment by the city and county.

A therapeutic, structured program that operates five days a week, JCAP combines one-on-one counseling, group therapy, re-entry planning, and a therapy-based curriculum that's designed to provide incarcerated individuals with the tools, resources, and support necessary to overcome addiction and rebuild their lives.

By integrating recovery education, skill development, mental health support and community reintegration services, the program aims to reduce recidivism and create healthier outcomes for individuals and the broader community.

"Our mission is not only to help participants overcome addiction but also to prepare them for a successful transition

back into society with healthier habits and renewed purpose," said Flint.

"This program is the product of months of dedication, planning, and collaboration. I am grateful to have worked alongside the City of Madison, Jefferson County Court Services, Jefferson County Superior Court, Jefferson County Circuit Court, the Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office, the Jefferson County Public Defenders, and Life Springs. Their commitment has been instrumental in bringing this vision to life," said Flint.

The first JCAP graduation is expected to be held in early November when the first group of inmates is scheduled to complete the program.

"Chemical addiction is not an isolated struggle — it impacts entire families, support networks, and our community

as a whole," said Flint. "Through JCAP, we aim to break the cycle of addiction, reduce recidivism, and give participants the tools they need to rebuild their lives. I am confident that the graduates of this program will not only find personal healing but also inspire hope and positive change in the lives of their loved ones."

Jessica McCollum, the program director, said, "This is a different approach, and I'm excited about it. It's really good for the community and for the individuals who participate."

Although JCAP is initially a three-year pilot program, Flint hopes it can continue beyond that. "It is my sincere hope that JCAP will remain a lasting resource within our jail, continuing to provide meaningful rehabilitation and fostering a safer, stronger Jefferson County for years to come."

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER LODGINGS Sept. 8, 2025

David Jonathon Gates, 42, Lexington, Indiana, for Murder-Attempted, a Level 1 felony. Bond \$1,000,000 cash.

Nakeshia Deonna Richardson, 39, Lexington, Indiana, for Assisting a Criminal, a Level 5 felony; Obstruction of Justice, a Level 6 felony and False Informing, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond \$50,000 cash.

David Eugene Thacker, 56, Louisville, for False Informing, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond \$5,000 cash.

Joshua William Gullion, 22, Hanover, on a Jefferson County felony warrant for probation violation. No bond.

Seth Joseph Hoevener, 29, Lexington, Indiana, on a Jefferson County Community Correction warrant. No bond.

Paul B. Jones, 50, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and on a Jefferson County bond revocation warrant. Bond a combined \$4,000 cash.

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Garrett Lee Madden 24, Madison, for probation violation, bond \$1,500 cash, and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, released on own recognizance.

Larry Shannon Moeller, 48, Madison, to serve 14 days jail, concurrent, on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

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Tyler Ray Bennett, 30, Hanover, for Possession of Cocaine or Narcotic Drug, Unlawful Possession or Use of a Legend Drug and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, all Level 6 felonies; Communication-Intimidation and Resisting Law Enforcement, both Class A misdemeanors; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor; and on a warrant to hold for Clark County, Indiana (driving while suspended). No bond.

Thomas J. Chadwell, 27, Hanover, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond \$500 cash.

Hunter Robbins, 22, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT SENTENCINGS Sept. 5, 2025

Tammy Sue Arevalos, 54, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 1,095 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 76 days jail served and 1,019 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$989 in fees and court costs.

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Ryan Eric Brown, 47, Madison, for revocation of probation (possession of methamphetamine 2023). Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 37 days served.

Jacob Evan Easley, 29, Paoli, Indiana, for Intimidation-Threat to Commit Forcible Felony, a Level 6 felony. Sentence amended to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 190 days jails served and 355 days suspended to supervised probation and No Contact Order to continue as a term of probation.

Christopher Michael Dean, 36, Maryville, Indiana, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, with credit for 2 days jail served and 363 days suspended to supervised probation plus

\$289 in fees and court costs. Karla Vanessa Mendez, 19, Indianapolis, for Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, with credit for 2 days jail served and 363 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs. Defendant must obtain a valid driver's license as a condition of probation but after 180 days probation with no violations and obtaining a valid license, probation may convert to unsupervised.

Carrie Ann Campbell, 44, Lexington, Indiana, for Reckless Driving, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189.50 in court costs.

Bryton Douglas Smith, 19, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

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Wade Dean Schenck, 58, Madison, to an amended charge of Causing Death When Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, a Level 4 felony. Sentenced to 3 years at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 3 days jail served and 1,092 days suspended to probation plus \$489.50 in court costs.

Ashley Dawn Kinman, 40, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 8 days jail served and 722 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

Eric F. Schirmer, 66, Hanover, to an amended charge of Assisting a Criminal, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to unsupervised probation plus \$189 in court costs.

Brandon W. Lesnet, 39, Nabb, Indiana, to amended charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Failure to Register as a Sex or Violent Offender, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the drug charge, consecutive to 730 days on the registration violation, fully executed, with credit for 34 days jail served plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

John Curtis Disbro, 30, Lexington, Indiana, for Disorderly Conduct, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, fully executed, served consecutive to balance of 180 days suspended sentence for prior Intimidation conviction, plus \$289 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order to remain in effect.

Matthew Louis Giltner, 32, Madison, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 4 days jail served and 176 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Jacob Evan Easley, 29, Paoli, Indiana, to an amended charge of Intimidation, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 190 days jail served and 355 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$589 in fees and court costs with No Contact Order to continue as a condition of probation.

Christopher Stephen Brierly, 51, Madison, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 90 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 24 days jail served, consecutive to 90 days jail, fully executed, with credit for zero days jail served on separate conviction for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor, plus a combined \$578 in fees and court costs.

Billy Joe Walters, 41, Madison,

to an amended charge of Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$389.50 in fees and court costs. Defendant must obtain a valid drivers license as a condition of probation. After 6 months with no violations and a valid driver's license, defendant's probation may convert to unsupervised. Scott Michael Doty, 45, Madison, to an amended charge of Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 66 days jail time served plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Dylan Harley Riggs, 22, Madison, for Criminal Confinement and Domestic Battery, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction on each count, concurrent, with credit for 10 days jail served and 530 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$639 in fees and court costs and No Contact Order to continue as condition of probation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS JEFFERSON COUNTY Sept. 8, 2025

Layman Properties LLC to Layman Properties LLC, part of 14209 West Main Street, Deputy.

Vance Craig Kendrick and Christine Wallace Kendrick to Adam David Thompson and Emily Alexandria James Thompson, approximately 33.5 acres at 4000+ North State Road 7, Madison.

Jeffery Hopper to Trumpys General Contracting LLC, 10 lots at 125 West Street, Hanover.

Leigh A. Holmes, Daniel Martin (deceased) and Elizabeth J. Martin (deceased) to Leigh A. Holmes, 80 acres at 10717 West 500 North, Deputy.

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Edward A. Meier Jr. and Jerald S. Meier to David Terrell, 515 Phillips Lane, Madison.

Maria Paz Towell to Daniel N. Brito, 2370 North Borcharding Road, Madison.

Donald T. Horine to Brianna N. Ruebusch, 153 Smith Lane, Hanover.

J. Richard Jones and J. Richard

Jones Trust to Nantucket Properties LLC, parts of 3048 and 3050 Clifty Drive, Madison.

Marshall Thomas Shelton and Lonna J. Shelton to Gregory J. Brawner, Teresa K. Brawner and Gregory T. Brawner, approximately 122 acres at 14781 West State Road 256, Lexington and 100+ South State Road 3, Lexington.

Flynn Investment Company LLC to April Clackum and Clint Clackum, 334 November Street, Hanover.

Arnold A. Conaway Jr. and Karen L. Conaway to Shane Stader, 109 East Main Street, Madison.

Clifty Commercial Properties LLC to BW in Madison Clifty LLC (of Tampa, Florida), 1200+ Clifty Drive, Madison.

Bill D. Miller and Stanley Ray Ogans (deceased) to Bill D. Miller, 37.9 acres at 15662 State Road 256 West, Scottsburg.

Ashley Blanch and David Blanch to James Melton and Janice Melton, 58 South Paradise Lane, Madison.

Dawn Morrow to Angel Rodriguez and Mario Rodriguez, 2500 Franks Drive, Madison.

Glen Schulte, Lori Schulte and Lori Taylor-Schulte to Glen Schulte and Lori Schulte, 428 Jefferson Street, Madison.

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Rebecca Sue Brittain and Barbara K. Collins (estate) to ALH Farms LLC, approximately 5 acres at 5000+, 5045 and 5059 West 700 North, Madison.

Bruce Siebert and Joanne Siebert to Richard Scott George and Kim George, 409 Jefferson Street, Madison.

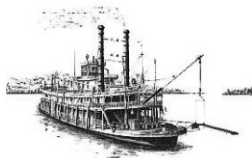
David Craig to David Jospheh Craig and Susan Ann Craig, 904 Lanier Drive, Madison.

Shawn Anthony Starkey to Janis Denise Burgess, lots 72-76 at 106 Ferry Street, Madison.

Cynthia Carole Carter and Larry Keith Gray (estate) to Cynthia Carole Carter, approximately 15.5 acres at 4598 North Olive Branch Road, Madison.

Michael S. Lundergan and Victoria M. Lundergan to Danisa Properties LLC, 3509 West Fred Harrell Drive, Madison.

Barbara Dwyer and Anne E. Higgins to Rafael Ramirez Roa and Maria C. Ramirez, 333 Highland Drive, Madison.



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Parcels joined for proposed rental housing

BY BOB DEMAREE

An application to consolidate several parcels of land to build 19 single-family rental homes was approved by Madison Plan Commission on Monday, but the board tabled a request for a variance in the right of way standards.

D & W Realty Holdings LLC, owned by Dan Wu of Greensburg, last month purchased for \$2,030,000 (according to information in the GIS) the Village Square Shopping Center, 220 Clifty Drive, that also included vacant land to the east that was platted in 1980 as Century Plaza Addition.

Madison Realtor Jim Pruett, representing D & W Realty Holdings LLC at the meeting, said the variance was being requested to allow a street servicing the homes to have a 40-foot right of way instead of the required 50-foot width. He said the request was to accommodate fitting 19 homes — all proposed at 40-foot by 50-foot — on the property.

Plan Commission member Patrick Thevenow said his concern “with reducing this right of way from 50 foot to 40 foot is that this is a lot of homes with potential residents and a lot of cars that could be back in the subdivision with only one way in and one way out. Thinking from a city management standpoint, it would be wise

to have as much right of way as possible through there.”

“With the 50 feet, it really puts a crunch in putting houses in there,” said Pruett. “Talking with the surveyors and the designers, this is the only way they can come up with getting” the houses in there. “We were really wanting 24 houses but it ended up being 19 that we could fit in. If we’re required to have the 50 foot, we’ll probably have to go back to the drawing board, and scratch it, and then may only have 12 houses, then we’ll have to see if it’s financially feasible” to move forward with the subdivision.

“It’s an interesting use of the space but I’m afraid that you’re trying to squeeze too much in too small of an area by asking the city to give up that right of way on a potential road back there with that many residents, cars and dwellings and no other way out.”

Commission member Rick Farris, who is also a member of the city’s Board of Zoning Appeals, also had concerns, noting to squeeze the right of way to accommodate the homes “is that now we’re making residences up on the hilltop with the same characteristics as downtown. You’ll have people coming to you asking for zero line setbacks to build a porch or whatever, and that all can be avoided with proper

planning.”

Pruett said developers have not yet determined whether the subdivision roadway will be constructed as a private driveway servicing the 19 houses or as a street meeting city specifications. He said costs will factor into that determination. “We have estimates out right now that we’re waiting on to see what those numbers are driveway vs. city street.”

Plan Commission members noted that a city street must be adopted by the city and guidelines like road width, asphalt depth and right of way factor into that approval.

Cher Austin, representing her mother Ann Armand who owns the nearby Englewood Hotel, voiced concern because the road enters from Michigan Road between the hotel and Madison Candles & Gifts. “It will be a very small distance between the two,” said Austin, who noted there are already traffic challenges there due to several road entry points with drives for the hotel, candle shop and Super ATV within a short distance of each other and Franks Drive across the street which has vehicles entering and leaving a busy Taco Bell.

“The traffic is horrendous in that area as it is,” she said, and now they will “build this one-way road that’s going to come from the back of the property ... almost right on top the hotel, and you’re going

to have a lot more traffic if you’re building 19 units back there.” Additionally, “this is another road that will be so close to the stop light” at Michigan Road and Clifty Drive, with people trying to get in and out from there.

Austin also mentioned concern about noise from the road so close to the hotel. “There is not going to be any protection for sound” that is likely to create noise for tenants. Austin requested a privacy fence be constructed to address noise. “They can build whatever they want to build. I just have an issue with where the road is going to come out, and the noise,” she said.

Pruett said the space is already platted as a street, whether that will be a driveway or a street is the issue to be considered. He also added that state traffic officials have reviewed the plans and indicated no objections. “Someone could go in and put in a street without replatting whatsoever, and so we’re trying to replat it to make the best use of the property.”

Daryl Detmer, who owns property from 120 to 190 Clifty Drive, all south of the proposed development for rental homes, agreed with Austin’s request for a privacy fence but for a different reason. His business, GranBrazil, has a slab yard that he said could present a danger with 19

households, some of which are likely to have children. “The way I’m doing the math it’s only going to be 10 to 15 feet off the property, so those slabs could easily fall over and kill somebody,” and a fence would prevent children from playing in that area. “I’m not saying they’re going to, but kids are going to be kids.”

Detmer added, “I’m not here to stop” the development. “I’m here more for the safety” but he later echoed concerns about the number of houses that will be built. “Squeezing all in there, I feel we’re going to be overpopulating that area for the business area that it is.”

Pruett reiterated that the plat includes a street now and the zoning allows home construction, which is in short supply in the community. “The real reason for this application is to make good use of the land to be able to build some houses so it’s economically feasible to do” for the owner. “Madison has a shortage of houses. We have an investor who is willing to build.”

In other business, the commission:

- Approved an application to split a parcel at 2013 Wells Drive into three lots for building two new single-family homes. Matthew Binzer presented the request on behalf of owner Jon Kuner.
- Suzanne Arruda, who lives on Monroe Drive across the

street from the Wells Drive property, expressed concern about stormwater issues she said need to be addressed. “That area is a little different from a lot places in that it has run down from three hills ... and it all pools right at our storm drains and they are woefully inadequate right now” with flooding there during heavy storms. “My concern is if there is more building there, it’s going to mean more runoff after rain.”

Nicole Schell, the city’s director of planning, said the city has begun to work towards a plan for addressing stormwater issues in Madison. “We are taking a look at those now, and trying to game plan a capital improvement plan for stormwater going forward,” she said.

- Tabled an application for John Demaree, 1938 Michigan Road, to split that parcel into two lots. There is currently a residence on the property, and the plan is to construct a new 800-square-foot shotgun home on the new lot. However, the proposed lot is less than the one-quarter acre size required by the zoning ordinance to build on the land. The width is also 32 feet when the ordinance requires not less than 50 feet. With the plan commission not feeling comfortable about approving the application, Demaree requested that the application be tabled.

County Council OKs upgrades to library elevator

\$150K to come from JCPL's rainy day fund

BY BOB DEMAREE

The elevator at the Madison branch of the Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) will be getting needed repairs, though an exact date is not known for when that work will be done.

Jefferson County Council, at its meeting on Tuesday, approved using \$150,000 from the library’s rainy day fund to finance repairs to the elevator, which was installed in 1966 during the building expansion.

“It’s been around for a long time. From what I understand, it’s one of the few that’s run using magnets. We’re getting to that point where we can’t find parts,” said Judy Terpening, who has served as library director since 2018.

The library has continued using the elevator despite the problems but a fix is needed. “We have to

have the elevator in order to be accessible, especially for people who have mobility issues or families coming in with strollers,” said Terpening who added it’s also essential for library staff who must transport books on five separate floor sections that’s most effectively done on carts. To do that on stairs “gets to be quite the challenge.”

She said it’s time that the elevator be upgrades so that it again functions properly. “We have had times when it stops in the middle of the floor, it takes people to the wrong floor, and then it will be fine for a little while. A maintenance tech did discover that we can turn it off and turn it back and sometimes and that will reset it, but you can’t keep doing that. It needs to be upgraded. When the architect looked at the floor plan, he said really there’s no other place in the building” for the elevator. ...

“There is no other place in the building where you can actually reach all of those sections except where it is.”

The library building is unique in that it’s actually built around another building, the house where

it had been located since 1930. The decision was made to expand the building in the 1960s, a proposal developed after five years of planning. A ground breaking for the expansion was held March 2, 1966 and work was completed two years later with a formal dedication April 21, 1968. John Windle, the founder of Historic Madison Inc., was chairman of the building committee and said at the dedication ceremony that incorporating the existing building saved \$200,000 to \$250,000 on the expansion cost.

Terpening sought five bids for the elevator upgrade but Executive Elevator of Louisville was the only company that actually submitted an offer. Other companies contacted for bids, but declined to offer, were Otis Elevator, KONE Elevator, TK Elevator of Louisville and TK Elevator of Indianapolis.

Terpening said the library board gave its approval for utilizing \$150,000 of the library’s \$664,691 in the rainy day fund at its August meeting. “I’ve been saving the funds in the rainy day fund for those kind of things” for maintenance on the building,

and now with the elevator continuing to have problems, it’s “time to get moving on it,” she said.

Now with County Council approval, final steps must be taken with the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF), and then get on Executive Elevator’s schedule to begin the work. She said it’s possible the upgrade will extend into 2026, requiring her to encumber those funds so they are still available next year. Whenever the upgrade does occur, “hopefully the elevator is not down too long,” she said.

Other than a better functioning elevator, Terpening said “people won’t notice that much different” except for a new control panel. “The upgrade will be on the workings of the elevator, and the electronic panel inside,” she said.

In other business:

- Approved a reduction in several county budgets for the year — \$541,334 in county highway fund, \$231,000 in cumulative bridge fund, \$400,000 in county general, \$39,934 in health department and \$21,675 in election fund. The total amount

is \$1,233,943 that County Auditor Heather Huff said will be reported to the state that will not be spent in 2025, making that amount available to be budgeted in 2026. “By saying we’re not going to spend it, it improves our cash balance,” she said.

- Huff announced that a successful tax sale was held with all 20 properties sold totaling \$986,180.92. “It’s probably the first time in several years we sold every single parcel, and I believe only three or four were minimum bid. Everything else was at surplus. It was a very successful tax sale.”
- However, she said there was one property in which the winning bidder decided against the purchase after seeing it, but the bidder had to pay 25% in order to not complete the purchase. “So, we do have that one property that is considered unsold because the person walked away.”
- Approved transfers of \$10,000 for Court services to a drug testing fund, \$1,638.20 for County Surveyor to litigation costs and \$110.10 for County Recorder to office supplies.

MCS proposes \$39.9 million budget for 2026

BY BOB DEMAREE

A public hearing on the 2026 budget for Madison Consolidated Schools was held prior to Wednesday’s Madison school board meeting with an advertised total of \$39,931,875.

That includes \$23,800,000 in the education fund, \$10,628,000 in the operations fund and \$5,503,875 in debt service. The advertised tax levy is \$13,037,547 with an advertised tax rate of 1.0312.

School corporation treasurer Danica Houze said the actual tax rate is expected to be lower than that — anticipated at 0.9532 — but that amount won’t known until final approval by the state’s Department of Local Government Finance.

Last year the advertised tax rate was 1.1822 but the actual tax rate ended up being \$0.9558.

Houze said a conservative approach is taken in developing the budget by building

expenditure projections high in planning for unexpected costs and building revenue projections low.

The advertised school bus replacement plan is for buying one new bus in 2026 and one new bus in 2027. Houze said one bus is being replaced earlier than the corporation’s 12-year cycle due to ongoing mechanical issues.

Board adoption of the budget will be at the Wednesday, Oct. 1, meeting.

CAREER

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member of the career center, all participating schools must unanimously pass resolutions of acceptance. “It’s not a done deal until all the boards approve it but we have made the decision here that we want to move forward in asking them to do that,” Brown said.

If all member schools accept Madison’s re-entry, then Madison school board must also vote on it. If approved, Brown said the school corporation would then begin participating at the career center in the fall of 2026.

“It’s not done yet, but we certainly hope it gets there,” she said.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted a grant up to \$4 million from Bethany Legacy Foundation that awards \$2 million with another \$1 million available if met by a \$1 million community match. “We do

still need \$390,000 to make our \$1 million match,” said Brown. “This is my plea” for support. “It’s not just for this school corporation. It’s for all the kids in Jefferson County.”

- Approved a resolution authorizing tax anticipation warrants that allow the school corporation to borrow funding to pay for expenses from debt service if expense must be met prior to receipt of the final settlement of taxes for 2026. “This is merely a precaution, and really it’s in response to the impact of Senate Bill 1” that was enacted by the Indiana General Assembly earlier this year and is anticipated to decrease future school funding.
- Approved creating a new Farm Stop coordinator position. The new title will be for John Schutte, who has been the College and Technical Education (CTE) coordinator, but will now be focusing on the Growing Minds Farm Stop program.
- Heard a presentation from Madison Consolidated Schools’ instructional

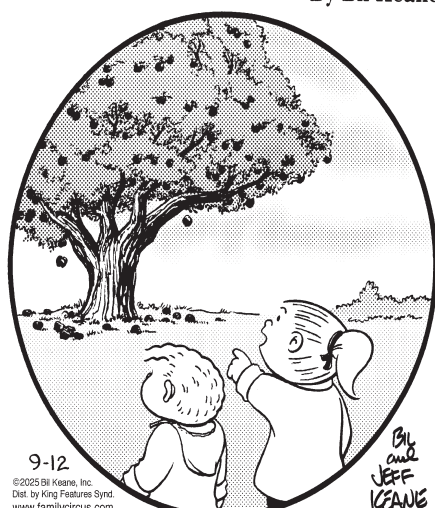
coaches — Michele Stuart, Kindergarten-12 grade TBRI (Trust-based Relational Intervention); Meghan Welty, K-12 College and Career Readiness; Lydia Reardon, K-4 Behavior; Jennifer Colen, K-4 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math); Missy Perry, K-3 Literacy, Lydia Middleton Elementary; Jessie Zurat, K-3 Literacy, Anderson Elementary; and Amanda Laufer, K-3 Literacy, Deputy and Rykers’ Ridge. “We prioritize student needs and growth everyday in our positions. We are also achievement focused,” said Zurat.

- Hired Morgan Cahall and Clara McCulley as Kindergarten teachers at Anderson Elementary School.
- Accepted a grant from Central Indiana Education Service Center to assist the school district with A.I. integration with on-site professional development, assistance and access to A.I. tools, lessons and strategies.
- Announced Savannah Hall as this year’s student representative on the school board.

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By Bil Keane



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“See? If you wait long enough, apples will pick themselves.”

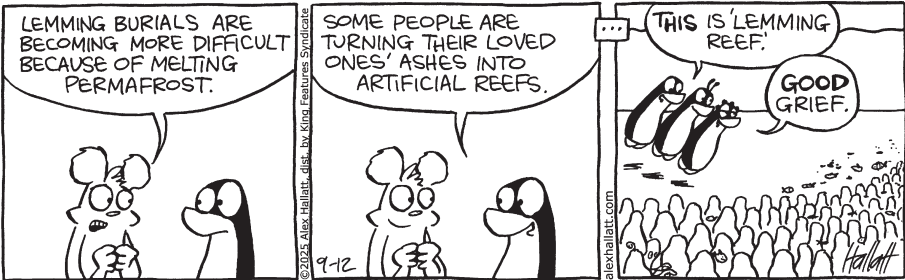
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“YOUR ‘AMAZING CHICKEN’... IT SOUNDS BETTER THAN IT TASTES.”

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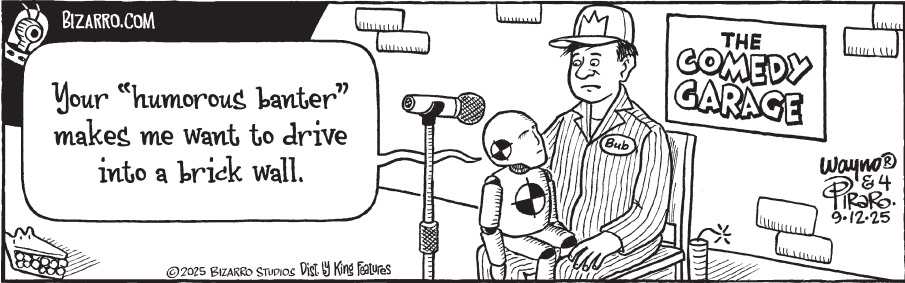
LEMMING BURIALS ARE BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF MELTING PERMAFROST.

SOME PEOPLE ARE TURNING THEIR LOVED ONES’ ASHES INTO ARTIFICIAL REEFS.

THIS IS ‘LEMMING REEF.’

GOOD GRIEF.

BIZARRO

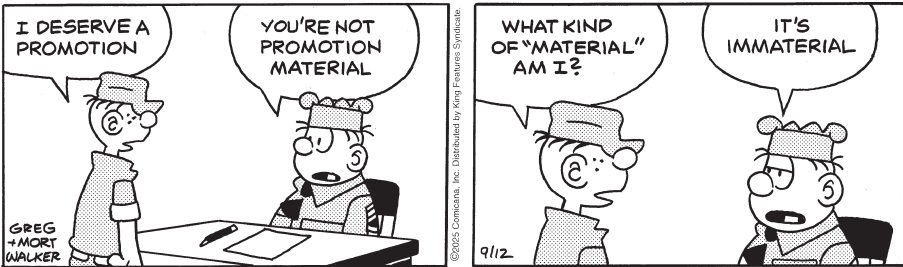


“Your ‘humorous banter’ makes me want to drive into a brick wall.”

THE COMEDY GARAGE

Wanna 8 & 4 P.M. 9-12-25

BEETLE BAILEY



I DESERVE A PROMOTION

YOU’RE NOT PROMOTION MATERIAL

WHAT KIND OF “MATERIAL” AM I?

IT’S IMMATERIAL

RHYMES WITH ORANGE

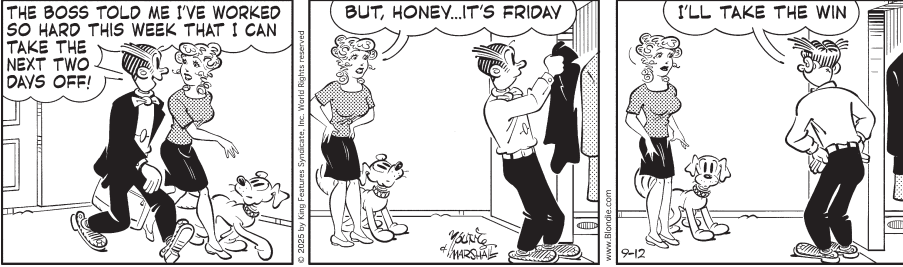


THE SAGE

He puts the “lighten” in “enlightenment”

I TOLD YOU THIS GUY’S GOOD.

BLONDIE



THE BOSS TOLD ME I’VE WORKED SO HARD THIS WEEK THAT I CAN TAKE THE NEXT TWO DAYS OFF!

BUT, HONEY...IT’S FRIDAY

I’LL TAKE THE WIN

CURTIS



THE BOYS WILL HAVE TO BROWN-BAG THEIR LUNCH TO SCHOOL

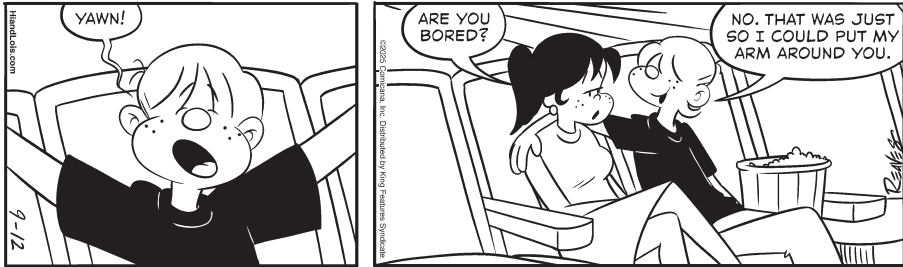
YES, MY PAYCHECK’S STRETCHED TOO THIN WITH HOUSEHOLD BILLS AND GROCERIES

OF COURSE, WE HAVE POLITICIANS TO THANK

OF COURSE

YOU CAN BE SURE THEIR KIDS IN THEIR SCHOOLS AREN’T AFFECTED BY CUTS!

HI & LOIS



YAWN!

ARE YOU BORED?

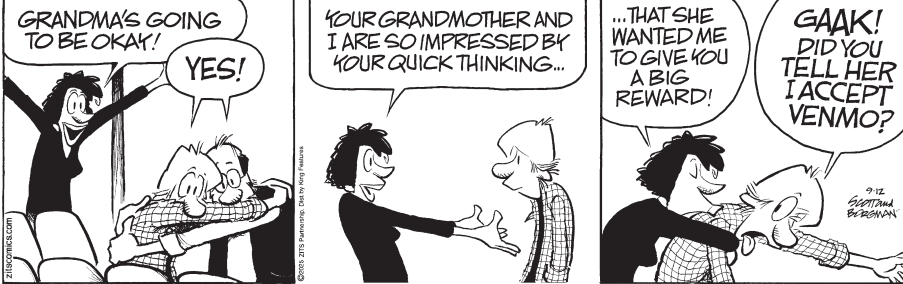
NO, THAT WAS JUST SO I COULD PUT MY ARM AROUND YOU.

PARDON MY PLANET



IT’S THE NEW CONGRESSPERSON BARBIE - ONLY COMES WITH A HEAD AND LIMBS. NOSES, LIPS, CHINS AND ALL OTHER BODY PARTS SOLD SEPARATELY.

ZITS



GRANDMA’S GOING TO BE OKAY!

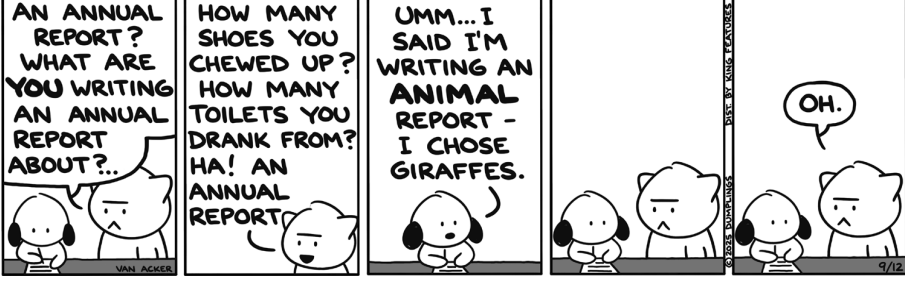
YES!

YOUR GRANDMOTHER AND I ARE SO IMPRESSED BY YOUR QUICK THINKING...

...THAT SHE WANTED ME TO GIVE YOU A BIG REWARD!

GAAK! DID YOU TELL HER I ACCEPT VENMO?

DUMPLINGS



AN ANNUAL REPORT? WHAT ARE YOU WRITING AN ANNUAL REPORT ABOUT?..

HOW MANY SHOES YOU CHEWED UP? HOW MANY TOILETS YOU DRANK FROM? HA! AN ANNUAL REPORT

UMM... I SAID I’M WRITING AN ANIMAL REPORT - I CHOSE GIRAFFES.

OH.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

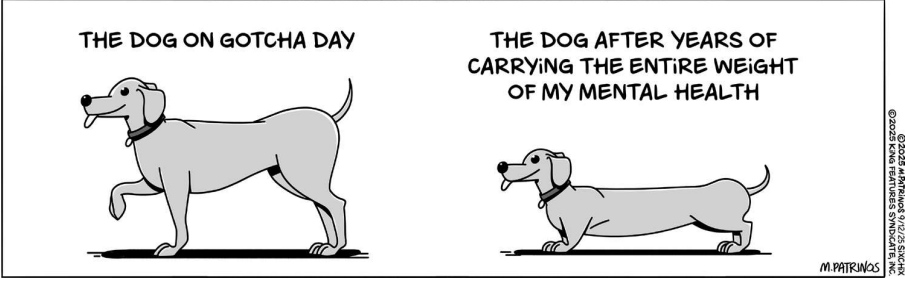


I’M SORRY I’M IN THE HOSPITAL AND NOT IN YOUR CLASS ON CAREER DAY!

IT’S OK, DAD!

MY TEACHER SAID THE CLASS WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT VIKING LIFE BY SEEING YOU HERE!

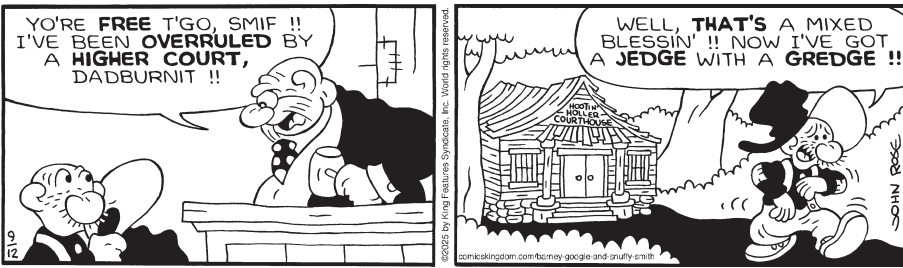
SIX CHIX



THE DOG ON GOTCHA DAY

THE DOG AFTER YEARS OF CARRYING THE ENTIRE WEIGHT OF MY MENTAL HEALTH

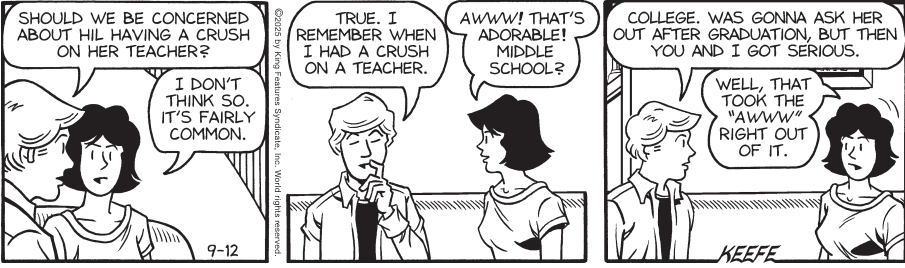
BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



YOU’RE FREE T’GO, SMIF !! I’VE BEEN OVERRULED BY A HIGHER COURT, DADBURNIT !!

WELL, THAT’S A MIXED BLESSIN’ !! NOW I’VE GOT A JEDGE WITH A GREDDGE !!

SALLY FORTH



SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED ABOUT HIL HAVING A CRUSH ON HER TEACHER?

TRUE. I REMEMBER WHEN I HAD A CRUSH ON A TEACHER.

AWWWW! THAT’S ADORABLE! MIDDLE SCHOOL?

COLLEGE. WAS GONNA ASK HER OUT AFTER GRADUATION, BUT THEN YOU AND I GOT SERIOUS.

DUSTIN



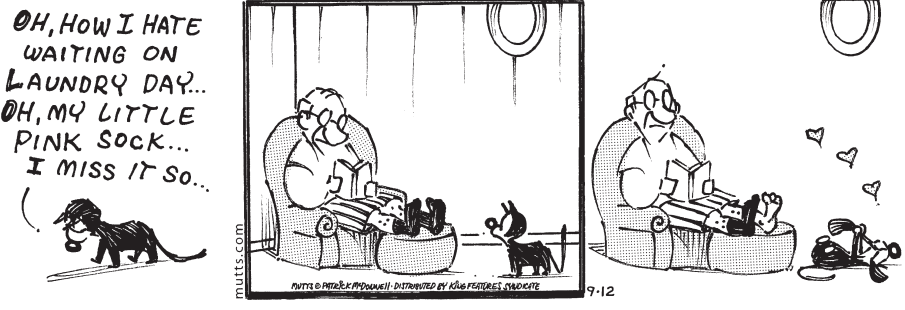
THE CLERK AT THE HARDWARE STORE ASKED IF I WANTED THE WISDOM DISCOUNT. I GUESS THAT’S CODE FOR “OLD GUY.”

DID YOU TAKE THE DISCOUNT?

BY THEN THERE WAS NO REASON NOT TO.

BUT I’D RATHER PAY A FEW BUCKS EXTRA TO AVOID BEING REMINDED THAT I LOOK LIKE A SENIOR CITIZEN.

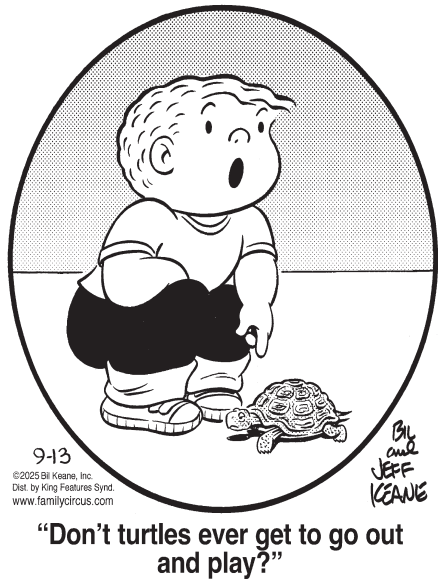
MUTTS



OH, HOW I HATE WAITING ON LAUNDRY DAY... OH, MY LITTLE PINK SOCK... I MISS IT SO...

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



DENNIS THE MENACE



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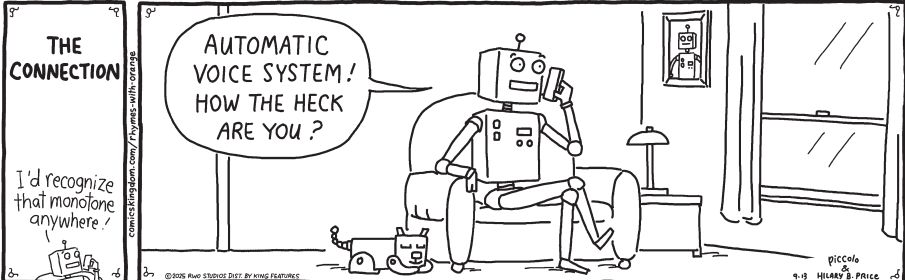
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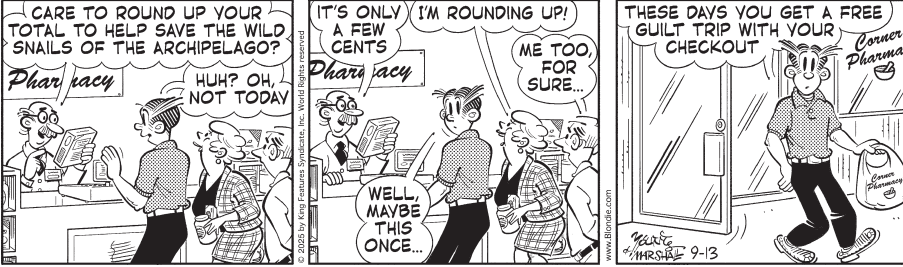
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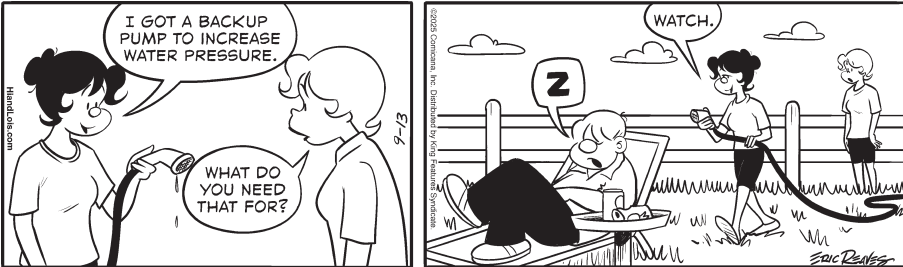
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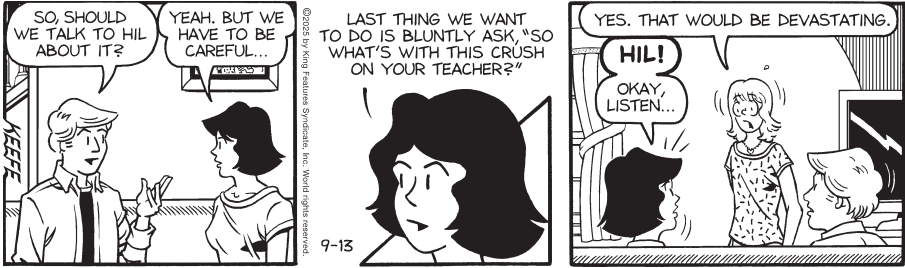
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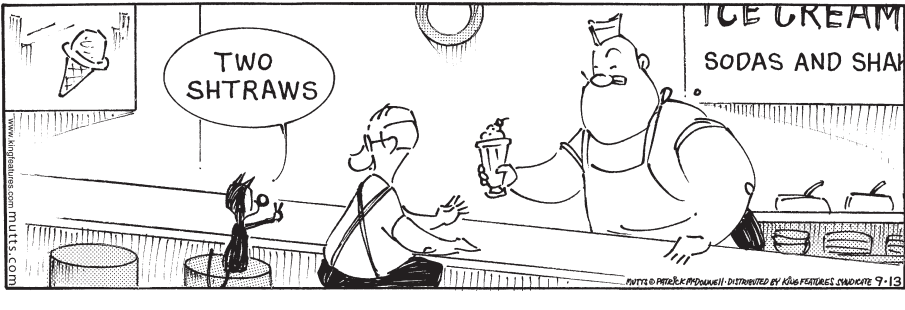
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Carroll officials consider options for upgrading substandard roads

MARK CAMPBELL

Carroll County Fiscal Court is looking for a way to upgrade substandard roads as the county's population grows and expands into some of the more rural areas of the county.

When the magistrates prepared their budget this year about \$300,000 was set aside for paving and District 3 Magistrate Scott Nab wants to see a portion of that spent to widen parts of Stafford Ridge Road in what could be a test case for making Carroll's narrow county roads safer and more usable without breaking the bank for total rebuilds.

Nab wants to use Stafford Ridge, which has seen new residential housing develop on Sunny Lane, to find a way to make the best out of a bad situation.

Stafford Ridge is narrow, hilly and winding with sections where the edge of the roadway literally drops off for several feet. Although paved for many years, Stafford Ridge is due for resurfacing but the width of the roadway ranges from 12.5 to 13 feet, which is insufficient for two vehicles to meet and pass and much more narrow than the county's 16-foot standard.



Mark Campbell

Carroll County's Stafford Ridge Road, between Worthville and Sanders, is as narrow as 12 feet and only 14 feet at its widest, which are both insufficient for two vehicles to meet each other without one of both taking to the ditch. Truck traffic related to construction of new housing on Sunny Lane, and the related traffic those homes will bring, have Carroll Fiscal Court considering options for widening that road where possible.

To rebuild Stafford Ridge Road and bring it up to standards would cost millions but Nab thinks doing enough improvements to make the

road safer and more usable might be done for far less with some creative engineering and money spent wisely. He made a presentation to fiscal

court on Tuesday to explain some of his thoughts with hope that a decision can be made soon so that work can begin in the spring.

"It's September and spring will be here before you know it," Nab said. "We need to discuss this now to be ready to start work in the spring"

Nab wants to build up the side of the road in areas where that is possible, make areas that cannot be widened safer from the dropoffs and create as wide a road as possible when the road is repaved. The project would involve the worst mile of the 2.65-mile road.

Nab said that would possibly involve hiring an engineering firm to develop a package of improvements and working with a contractor to execute the upgrades. He said if the project proves to be successful it might serve as a blueprint for other substandard roads in the county.

"Maybe we can take what we learn on Stafford Rodge Road and apply it to other roads," Nab said.

Judge-Executive David Wilhoite had no objection to the proposal but suggested that as the county grows and new roads are built to serve development that county officials need to look at being more proactive on road issues.

Developers will often provide a road for their projects that may be substandard in design and construction. When property owners then ask the county to adopt their road for county maintenance, the road department is faced with potential ongoing problems. He said the county has specifications that must be met for adoption but perhaps they don't go far enough.

"I'd like to add road width to our specifications," said Wilhoite, noting that if a road is built properly and wide enough from the start, issues like Stafford Ridge might never happen.

County Attorney Nick Marsh said that would be a good policy moving forward but it would not impact roads like Stafford Ridge that are already accepted. He said roads already accepted would be grandfathered in leaving the county to deal with their problems.

In other business, the court tabled a request to adopt Park Acre Road, which the county has maintained for many years but was never officially adopted into the county's road system. The road will be inspected to see if it meets county requirements with adoption back on the agenda for the court's next meeting.

Five Generations



Submitted

The birth of Nicklaus Ray Shipley on May 1, 2025, marked the fifth general of his family including (from left): great-grandmother Rhonda Jordan, great-great-grandmother Mary Robinson, Nicklaus being held by his mother, Kelsey Shipley, and grandmother Amber Jordan.

Bands and BBQ this weekend

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carrollton's 14th Bands and BBQ Festival is Friday and Saturday at Point Park in Carrollton.

With live music on the gazebo stage, the smokey aroma of some of he top barbecue pitmasters in the region, numerous food booths and other vendors — including an air show on Saturday — there's something for every sense of your body from sights to sounds

to smells all culminating with a fireworks show.

Admission is free to the public. Those who have entered the Kansas City Barbeque Society-sanctioned barbecue cook-off paid a fee and are competing for prize money and trophies.

There will be two separate divisions for the cook-off — 30 pro teams and 21 amateur backyard teams. They will arrive early on Friday and work their magic all day and night with awards

announced at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The categories, include chicken, ribs, pork and brisket while two categories — best sauce, and an anything but entry — will be judged overall.

The backdrop to the cook-off is the music concert on both days — from 6-10 p.m. Friday and noon to 10 p.m. Saturday with bands rotating about every two hours with a mixture of styles.

Friday's music lineup

includes Keagan Hatton at 6 p.m. followed by What About Jane at 8 p.m. Saturday will open with Courtney Wilder at noon followed by the air show at 2 p.m., the band County Wide at 2:30 p.m., the barbecue awards at 4:30 p.m., the Jordan Wilson Coalition at 5:30 p.m. and Young Country at 8 p.m. with the fireworks to follow at dark.

For updates, visit the Bands & BBQ Facebook page.

Jenner to lead Indiana Commission for Higher Education

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Dr. Katie Jenner will assume the role of Commissioner of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education beginning Oct. 11, while continuing to serve as Indiana's Secretary of Education.

The commission voted unanimously recently to appoint Jenner to the position, succeeding Chris Lowery who is resigning after more than three years in the position.

In a press release, Lowery said, "Secretary Jenner is a strong advocate for increasing educational attainment for all Hoosier students from kindergarten through college. The logical next step of Secretary Jenner assuming the role of Commissioner will offer clarity and consistency for the Commission, while continuing to drive our mission and deliver better results for Indiana students, employers, and our state."

Gov. Mike Braun said, "Immediately upon taking office, my administration launched a new vertical structure across state government to streamline operations, increase

accountability and transparency, and improve customer service. As we continue to identify ways to better serve Hoosier taxpayers, having a proven, consistent leader directly overseeing both

K-12 and higher education is the logical next step and will ensure that the best interest of our students remains top of mind every step of their educational journey."

Jenner was appointed Indiana's first Secretary of

Education in January 2021 by Gov. Eric Holcomb, and was reappointed by Braun when he began his term Jan. 13.

Jenner worked for Madison Consolidated Schools from 2009 to 2018 as a school administrator and assistant superintendent, and is also the wife of Madison City Attorney Joe Jenner.

Jenner, who holds a doctorate in education from the University of Kentucky and an MBA from Indiana State University, previously served as Holcomb's Senior Education Advisor, Vice President of K-12 Initiatives and Statewide Partnerships for Ivy Tech Community College.



Dr. Katie Jenner

2025 Apple Festival in the books

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Another Trimble County Apple Festival is in the books after a strong turnout in Bedford Saturday and Sunday amid perfect weather.

The annual Apple Festival pageants crowned five winners with Ollie Kate O'Neal the Tiny Apple Miss, Raylynn England the Toddler Apple Miss, Charlee Smith the Little Apple Miss, Raelynn Smith the Princess Apple Miss and Kingsley Copeland the Sweetheart Apple Miss.

The Apple Pie baking contest was won by Opal Curry with Becky Cornett the runner-up and Michael Cornett taking third.

The Apple Cider Relay was won by the Trimble County Boys basketball team.

The 2025 winner of the quilt raffle held by the Trimble Thimbles Quilting Club was Pam Brown.



Mark Campbell

Apple delicacies may have been the reason for the festival — and there were plenty to be enjoyed — but who could pass on a massive ball of fresh cotton candy?



Mark Campbell

Steven Griffey and Heather Desheles, both of Indianapolis, had fun dancing to the Bee Camp Bottom Boys at the Trimble County Apple Festival on Sunday in Bedford.

Kentucky poet to highlight Folkways Symposium at Eleutherian

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Lifetime Kentucky Poet Laureate Lee Pennington will highlight the last of four Ohio Valley Folkways Symposium events from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Historic Eleutherian College in Lancaster, located at 6927 State Road 250, Madison.

"It is an honor to host legendary

Kentucky poet Lee Pennington at the Eleutherian College. He is a living legend in Kentucky and beyond," said Patty Cooper Wells, organizer of the series.

Pennington will be joined by Kentucky Poet Rita S. Spaulding, singer Katrina Harper and guitarist Tommy Bays in the program titled "Down on the Farm."

Pennington is the author of 23

books including three books nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in poetry — "I Knew a Woman" (1977), "Thigmotropism" (1993) and "Appalachian Newground" (2016). In 1983, the Kentucky state legislature named him Poet Laureate, a lifetime appointment.

Indianapolis Historian Glory-June Greiff will present a talk on James Whitcomb Riley's "Hoosier Poet,"

and also read a selection of the poems. Local Folk Musician Fiddlin' Ben Thompson will entertain with historic tunes on fiddle and banjo with some historic commentary.

There will be an art exhibit that will include works of several local artists. Plein Aire painters and sketchers may also be creating art throughout the day. There will also be building tours.

The event is free but donations are encouraged to support the ongoing preservation of the Historic Eleutherian College. The most urgent need is a new roof. Reservations can be made at www.madtixevents.com.

The Eleutherian College will wrap up the season with the annual Fall Gathering Saturday Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jennings County has largest swamp chesnut oak in U.S.

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

A swamp chestnut oak tree in Jennings County has been recognized as the largest of the species in the country by the National Champion Tree program, with a height of 95 feet, a circumference of 318 inches, and a canopy spread of 118 feet.

The record swamp chestnut oak is on the family farm owned by Richard and Kris Schepman outside of Crothersville. Gov. Mike Braun and Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) leaders presented the Schepmans with a certificate recognizing their family’s stewardship of this impressive tree.

“Over the last century, Indiana’s forested land has substantially grown as a result of Hoosiers’ conservation work and responsible stewardship,” said Braun. “The Schepman family and private landowners across the state deserve high praise for their commitment to growing healthy trees like this giant in Jennings County, which I hope continues to stand tall for generations of future Hoosiers to enjoy.”

The DNR Division of Forestry, which maintains a list of Indiana’s largest known



Photo Submitted by Indiana DNR

Indiana Gov. Mike Braun speaks with farm owner, Richard Schepman, under the swamp chestnut oak tree that was recently recognized as the largest of the species in the US by the National Champion Tree program.

tree of each of the state’s native species, notified the national program of the tree, and its record score of 442.5, which is the tree’s height (feet), circumference (inches), and canopy spread (feet, multiplied by 0.25) added together.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, the swamp chestnut oak is native to “the Atlantic Coastal Plain from

New Jersey and extreme eastern Pennsylvania, south to north Florida, and west to east Texas; it is found north in the Mississippi River Valley to extreme southeast Oklahoma, Arkansas, southeastern Missouri, southern Illinois, southern Indiana, and locally to southeast Kentucky and eastern Tennessee.”

The tree is on private property, so it is not available for public viewing.

Indiana’s current state champion trees, which are updated when a notification of a larger tree is received, are posted at on.IN.gov/big-tree, where you can also learn how to measure trees and enter those you think may qualify.

Trump's plan for a drug advertising crackdown faces many hurdles

BY MATTHEW PERRONE
AP HEALTH WRITER

WASHINGTON — Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and other administration officials are vowing a crackdown on deceptive drug ads, but the effort is likely to face multiple headwinds, including pushback from industry and layoffs among regulators tasked with leading the effort.

President Donald Trump signed a memo Tuesday that directs the Food and Drug Administration and other agencies to step up enforcement against ubiquitous prescription drug ads on TV, websites and social media.

The industry’s multibillion-dollar marketing efforts have long been a target for Kennedy, who previously suggested banning all pharmaceutical ads from TV. That step would have almost certainly been struck down by federal judges, who have long accepted advertising as a First Amendment-protected form of speech.

Instead, Trump’s directive tells the FDA to use current laws to ensure “transparency and accuracy” in all ads.

But the FDA has long struggled to defend its actions against drug promotions in court. And reworking some of its key regulations —

including those governing TV advertising — could take years.

Here’s a look at the administration’s plans and some of the hurdles that may lie ahead.

A PROMISE FOR MORE FDA WARNINGS AFTER YEARS OF LEGAL SETBACKS

The FDA kicked off its effort Tuesday evening saying it was issuing “thousands” of warnings to drugmakers over inaccurate or misleading ads.

But rather than individual notices citing specific violations, the FDA shared a generic letter that it sent to drugmakers, instructing them to bring “all

promotional communications into compliance.”

The form letter is different from typical FDA warning letters, which usually cite specific issues with company advertisements that run afoul of FDA rules and lay the groundwork for future legal action.

Safe, Predictable, and Tax-Deferred: Why Annuities Deserve a Seat at Your Retirement Table



Layin’ it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
Wealth Management

When it comes to retirement planning, many people are searching for financial solutions that are safe, predictable, and tax-deferred—qualities that become more valuable the closer you get to leaving the workforce. That’s exactly where annuities can shine, and why they deserve a permanent seat at your retirement table. In a world of market volatility, rising inflation, and tax uncertainty, annuities offer a combination of features that few other financial products can match.

At their core, annuities are insurance products designed to provide income, protect principal, and in many cases, grow assets without immediate tax consequences. Unlike stocks or mutual funds, which are subject

to the whims of the market, many annuities—especially fixed and fixed indexed annuities—offer guaranteed protection of your original investment. That safety is critical when you’re relying on those assets to support your retirement lifestyle. After decades of building wealth, the last thing you want is to watch it shrink just when you need it most.

Predictability is another compelling reason annuities belong in your retirement portfolio. With options that provide guaranteed income for life, annuities act as a personal pension. This dependable cash flow helps cover your essential expenses—such as housing, food, and healthcare—regardless of how long you live or how the markets perform. That kind of financial confidence gives you the freedom to enjoy retirement, knowing that your income won’t suddenly dry up. Then there’s the tax-deferral advantage. Unlike many taxable investment accounts, annuities grow on a tax-deferred basis, meaning you don’t pay taxes on interest or growth until you begin taking withdrawals. This allows your money to compound more efficiently over time and gives you more control over when and how you report income. It also opens the door to smarter tax planning in retirement, especially when used in coordination with other

accounts like IRAs or Roths.

While annuities aren’t a one-size-fits-all solution, their role in a balanced retirement strategy is often underestimated or misunderstood. They don’t replace your entire portfolio, but they can complement your risk-based investments by reducing volatility and creating a predictable stream of income.

In retirement, safety, certainty, and control are just as important as growth. Annuities offer all three. When used wisely, they provide the structure and stability that turns retirement from a financial question mark into a well-planned reality.

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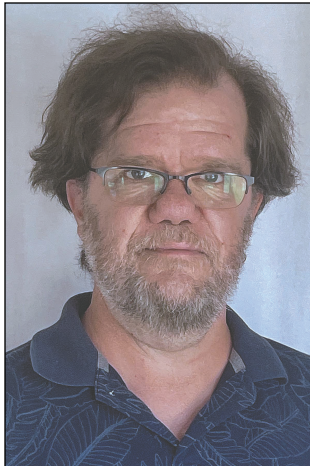
RADIO

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radio broadcast? But I can assure you, it can be very entertaining. We really become quite animated and dramatic as we deliver our lines, and it can be amusing and eye-opening to see how some of the sound effects are made. Anyone who attended the live performance of the show O’ Madison, Where Art Thou, which is another production that I wrote, will know what I mean. This new show will be very much in the same style.

“These live performances in Madison are an offshoot of a podcast series that I produce, under the name The Incomparable Radio Theater. We’ve been doing a couple sessions a year for a long time now, and we’ve done live shows in Dublin, Montreal, San Francisco and Spokane, just to name a few.

“This will be the second show in the newly opened Ohio Theatre, now with their larger stage and elevated flat floor area. I encourage everyone to come out, see the updated theater, and enjoy a glimpse of what it was like during the Golden Age of Radio. All proceeds from the event go to the Friends of the Ohio Theatre, so you’ll be helping to further the renovation process and restore our beloved hometown theater to its former glory. I hope to see a big crowd enjoying this unique and nostalgic experience.”



Charlie Rohlfing

Incomparable Radio Theater creator David J. Loehr.

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

Whew, what a weekend we just had! I hope some of you dear readers made it down to the riverfront for the inaugural Unbroken Circle Music Festival. Madison was absolutely full of out-of-towners who made the trip for this very high profile event. I saw license plates from New York, Texas, North Carolina, Michigan ... not to mention all the folks from closer by like Indy and Louisville. The weather was fantastic and the music was top tier, as promised. The festival organizers are already talking about next year, so that’s great news! But that’s the past. What’s happening in Indiana’s Music City this week? Well, just the usual ... and by that I mean 19 live music listings on the calendar for Friday and Saturday! It doesn’t have to be a crowded festival weekend for you to have a fun musical getaway experience in Madison, every single week of the year.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 12
Mad Paddle – Fifth Seal
1st Street Saloon – Canyon Wolf with Ron Postin
Vintage Lanes – Jazz Trio (7-9 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill – Vaguely Familiar (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Tailgators – Karaoke with DJ Scratchy (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Riverboat Inn – Bee Camp Bottom Boys
The Central – Scotty Butters (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
TIKI LIVE! – L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Saturday, Sept. 13
Riverboat Inn – Erik Brunner
1st Street Saloon – Karaoke
Mad Paddle – Bee Camp Bottom Boys
Rivertown Grill – B.A. Blues Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Tailgators – Malachi Parks (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Madison Farmers Market – Taylor Eversole (10 a.m.-Noon)
The Drake – Scotty Butters (7-10 p.m.)
The Central – Tailfin Cadillac (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
TIKI LIVE! – L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
TIMELESS LIVE! – Branded (8 p.m.-Midnight)
Thomas Family Winery – Loudon-Mundane Band (8 p.m.)
Sunday, Sept. 14
Rivertown Grill – Joe & Deano (8-11 p.m.)

Balloon Glow



Mark Campbell

Hot air balloons inflate as the crowd gathfers for last Sunday night's Madison Regatta Balloon Glow. Canceled by weather in July, the event was held with ideal weather on Sunday.



Bob Demaree

Above: Spectators look on at Sunday's Madison Regatta Balloon Glow as the massive balloons fill with hot air from their propane burners. **Left:** A line forms for tethered hot air balloon rides Sunday night at the Madison Regatta Balloon Glow along the Ohio River in downtown Madison. Hundreds turned out for the event, postponed by weather in June. Regatta volunteers also presoldl 600 discounted race day wristbands for next year's boat races during the event.

'Anodynus' to film in Madison late September

BY BOB DEMAREE

The short movie written by Madison natives Luke Fisher and Alec Lichlyter is scheduled to film in Madison during the last week of September.

The film "Anodynus" follows a young American veteran of the Afghan war struggling with PTSD and addiction who obsessively listens to the last voicemail from a squad-mate who died under suspicious circumstances involving an opioid overdose.

Lichlyter said filming is scheduled to begin in Madison the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 28, at Springdale Cemetery with a least two days after that at other locations in Madison.

There is currently a GoFundMe page for "Anodynus" with a goal of raising an additional \$3,000 that could provide support for an additional day of filming. As of Monday morning, \$1,400 has been raised through that platform.

The film has the support of the Jefferson County Veterans Council which is the non-profit through which funding for the short movie is being received. At the start of this year, \$39,000 had been raised with the biggest part of that being \$30,000 pledged by the Bethany Legacy Foundation.

Actor Sam Dunning will be play Huff, the veteran who leaves the big city looking for answers and attends a funeral in a small river town. Actress Audrey Harden will play Sandra, a singer at a bar.

"Everyone who has read the script or is going to help out in some way once they've heard about it are very enthusiastic," said Lichlyter. "The core of it involves a veteran struggling to reintegrate to civilian life, and people that have family members who have gone through that want to be a part of telling that story in some way" as way of helping others.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

Shawe and Pope John Festival

201 West State St., Madison
Friday & Saturday, Sept. 12-13, 5-11:30 p.m.
The event features carnival rides, kids games, live music, a beer tent and more. Zack Attack will perform on Friday while the Crashers will perform Saturday.

Music in the Park

Bicentennial Park, Madison
Friday, Sept. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Anthony Ray Wright will open starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mathew Barringer at 7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair. Free program from Madison Main Street.

Party in the Park

Hanover Community Park
Saturday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Bouncy houses, food and more. Free.

Bands & BBQ

Point Park, Carrollton Ky.
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13
Professional and amateur barbecue cook-offs with live music, fireworks, air show, food vendors, bounce houses, craft market and other entertainment. Free to spectators. Pro barbecue payout is \$9,000 with Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, 1st-10th places in chicken, ribs, pork and brisket and amateur Backyard Grand Champion and Reserve Champion plus first through third in chicken, ribs, pork and brisket Overall Best Sauce and "Anything But" categories. For more info, go to visitcarrolltonky.com or call 502-732-7036.

Hoosier Theater Play

209 Ferry St., Vevay
Sept. 12-13
Historic Hoosier Theater's fall production "The Legend of Robin Hood...Sort of," a comedy by Pat Cook, Friday, Friday, Sept. 12, and Saturday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. Admission \$12.

Eric Phagan Art Display

The Fountain House, 402 West Main St., Madison
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13, 5-9 p.m. each night
Original paintings by Eric Phagan that celebrate the fulfillment of Jesus Christ as the

bridegroom. Artwork available through silent bidding with 50% donation to children's charities. Free admission.

Speaker and Documentary

Fitzgibbon Recital Hall, Lynn Center for Fine Arts
Hanover College
Saturday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.
Artist, hip-hop performer Genesis Be will speak along with a screening of a 30-minute documentary about Be's experiences related to social justice. Free.

Ohio Valley Folkways Symposium Series

Historian Eleutherian College
6927 State Road 250, Madison (near Lancaster)
Sunday, Sept. 14, 1-4 p.m.
Featuring a program of poetry and music by Lifetime Kentucky Poet Laureate Lee Pennington and friends Kentucky Poet Rita S. Spaulding, singer Katrina Harper and guitarist Tommy Bays.

Southeastern Indiana Regional College Fair

Horner Health and Recreation Center, Hanover College
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6:30-8 p.m.
Hanover College will host high school students and parents with approximately 40 college and university representatives from across the region available. Admission is free for all students and parents. No prior registration is required.

Madison Performing Arts Opening Concert

At the Piano with Yvonne and Friends
Madison Presbyterian Church
202 Broadway St., Madison
Friday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
Pianist Yvonne Davis with instrumentalists Brook Rein-dollar, Rick Bennett, Tim Beitzel and Steve Pullias as well as vocalists Faith Bible, Dan Dattillo and Adam Faulkner. Free. Donations appreciated.

Movie in the Park

City of Madison — Bicentennial Park
"Matilda" starting at dusk.
Bring blankets and chairs.
Opening Reception for Ekphrastic Muse
Madison Area Arts Alliance,

THE SPOT, 326 Mulberry St., Madison
Friday, Sept. 19, 5-8 p.m.
10 artists, 10 poets compose poems prompted by art. Artist talk at 6 p.m. Art will be on display Sept. 15-Oct. 15.

REUNIONS

Mahoney Family Reunion

Saturday, Sept. 20, Noon to ??
Trimble County Park
U.S. 421 near Bedford.
The Mahoney family will hold a family-wide reunion at the park shelter house. Bring a covered dish to share. Utensils and drinks will be provided. For more information, call 812-406-6583.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Salvation Army Food Bank

331 East Main Street, Madison
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, Noon-1 p.m.
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags. For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry

100 East Second Street, Madison
Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays, 9-11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

North Madison Christian Church Food Pantry

1400 East State Road 62
Saturday, Sept. 27, 8-10 a.m.
A food distribution at the church on the fourth Saturday of each month (with the exception of holidays). Free with no qualifications.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity United Methodist Church
412 West Main Street, Madison
Mondays, 9-11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to those in need. For more information, call 812-866-4843.



Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 • 8 a.m.
Clifty Falls State Park
Madison, IN 47250

Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome. Register by Sept. 15 to receive a long-sleeved event shirt.

Awards will be presented to the top overall male and female finishers, along with awards for runners and walkers by age group. Registration and pre- and post-race activities will be located at the Clifty Falls State Park pool.

Proceeds benefit the new EMS Transport Hub at Norton King's Daughters' Health.



To register, scan the QR code or go to RunSignUp.com/Race/IN/Madison/RunTheFalls.



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Sports

Madison Regatta takes loss for 2025 race, ready for next year

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Madison Regatta took a loss on the 2025 event but the organization is already moving forward toward next year.

Madison Regatta President Kyle Bipes made the announcement at the monthly general membership meeting on Wednesday, but also noted that plans for 2026 are currently underway.

"This past year was a success. Sales were up, boat count was up. We suffered a little bit of a setback and unfortunately we ended up a little out of the black," Bipes said. "But we have cash on hand, we're stable and we're planning for 2026."

According to the City of Madison, the Regatta received 29,000 unique

visitors over the race weekend with the biggest number coming on Saturday, at about 15,000. That total number is about 10,000 more than last year, leaving Bipes excited about the future.

"We're headed in the right direction," Bipes said.

Limited ticket sales are already underway with the Regatta selling about 600 race-only wristbands at last weekend's Balloon Glow event. Bipes said that full weekend passes will not be available until after the announcement of the headliner of the Roostertail Music Festival, which should be in December.

As for wristband sales at the Balloon Glow, event organizers couldn't be more happy with the turnout.

"I want to thank Hannah Fisher and Lakin Crabtree for manning that booth

the whole night. We expected to sell about 100 wristbands and it was nearly 600," Madison Regatta Vice-President Tim Bipes said. "And I want to publicly thank Laura Grayson for helping out in the office during Regatta week. She stepped up and ended up working in there every day and we couldn't have done it without her."

The Regatta also announced that legacy RV sales are currently being offered and any returning camper wanting to secure their spot for next year should contact the Regatta without delay.

The next meeting of the Madison Regatta Inc. will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at The Boneyard Grill on Madison's hilltop.

BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP



David Campbell

Shawe Memorial's Gus Grote (10) battles with Milan's Dalton Phillips during Tuesday's game at Madison. Shawe rolled to a 6-0 win to improve to 7-0-1 overall and 3-0 in the Ohio River Valley Conference.



David Campbell

Shawe's Aiden Edmondson (6) pushes past Milan's Jacob Roell (2) during the Hilltoppers' 6-0 win on Tuesday.

Shawe picks up two ORVC wins

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Class A No. 13 Shawe walked away with a pair of conference wins in boys soccer this week.

On Monday, the Hilltoppers defeated Switzerland County 2-1 in Vevay. Gus Grote and Jonathan Lopez each scored a goal for Shawe and Rodrigo Reyes-Miranda had an assist.

On Tuesday, Shawe rolled to a 6-0 win at home over Milan. Reyes-Miranda scored two goals for the Hilltoppers and an assist, Bastian Bryknar, Luis Garcia and Lopez each scored a goal, and Mauro Felix had an assist.

Shawe, now 7-0-1 overall and 3-0 Ohio River Valley Conference, travels to Southwestern next Monday.

CARROLL ROLLS TO TWO WINS
Carroll County boys

soccer picked up two huge district wins early this week.

On Monday, the Panthers beat Henry County 8-2 at home. Gamaliel Maldonado had a hat trick with three goals, Zachary Richards had a goal and two assists, Deagan Couch, Yerson Aguilar, Cesar Castillo and Danny Roque each had a goal. J.T. Davis had an assist.

Goalkeeper Quinn Willhoite made six saves in goal.

On Tuesday, Carroll knocked off Owen County 10-0 on the road. Maldonado again had three goals, Dani Martinez and Anthony Gonzalez each had two goals, Asriel Mendoza, Richards and Antonio Perry each scored a goal. Seven other players had assists.

Carroll, now 7-2 overall and 4-0 in the 31st District, hosted Calvary Christian on Thursday and hosts Gallatin County on Monday.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12 Football Madison hosts Conn-ersville, 7 p.m. Switzerland Co. at Milan, 7 p.m. Soccer Southwestern boys at Southwestern (Shelby), 6 p.m. Tennis Southwestern boys host New Washington, 4:30 p.m. Volleyball Trimble Co. girls, Frankfort Invite., TBA Hanover hosts Albion (Mich.), Blackburn (Ill.), 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Shawe girls at Madison Christian, 7 p.m.	Madison boys host North Harrison, noon Hanover men hosts DePauw, 1 p.m. Tennis Madison, Southwestern boys, SITC Tourney at Hanover, 9 a.m. Volleyball Trimble Co. girls, Frankfort Invite., TBA Southwestern girls, Corydon Invite., 9 a.m. Madison girls vs. Springs Valley, Eastern (Pekin) at Eastern (Pekin), 9:30 a.m. Hanover hosts Trine, Otterbein (Ohio), 10 a.m., 2 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 13 Cross Country Hanover, Hanover Invite., 10 a.m. Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., Jac-Cen-Del Invite, 10 a.m. Football Hanover hosts Butler, 1:30 p.m. Trimble Co. vs. Gallatin Co. at Owen Co., 6 p.m. Golf Hanover men, Earlham Invite., 10 a.m. Soccer Madison girls host North Harrison, 10 a.m.	SUNDAY, SEPT. 14 Golf Hanover men, Earlham Invite., 10 a.m. Soccer Hanover women host Capital (Ohio), 2 p.m. Hanover men host Kenyon (Ohio), 3:30 p.m.
MONDAY, SEPT. 15 Golf Southwestern girls host Switzerland Co., Silver Creek, 4:30 p.m. Soccer Southwestern boys host Shawe, 5 p.m.	SEE LOCAL/PAGE B2



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Clayton Ross (left) and Brayden Perry were the top finishing Madison team at the final high school bass fishing event of 2025 at Rocky Point on Saturday. The pair placed 18th at the event and sit 13th in the points standings.

Madison bass anglers wrap up the 2025 season at Rocky Point

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The Madison Cub Bass Fishing team wrapped up Event 4 — the final event of the 2025 season — on Saturday at Rocky Point on the Ohio River near Cannelton with the Cubs sending four high school teams and one junior high duo into competition.

The fishing was generally good on Saturday with a cold front and rain blowing through early in the morning. None of the five teams were in contention for the win but several of the teams had quality fish on the line even if they couldn't land them into the boat.

Madison's top finishing high school team was Brayden Perry and Clayton Ross in 18th with one fish for 1.76 pounds. Jackson Dean and Brantly Conover were 19th with one fish for

1.74 pounds and Gabe Wall-Polly and Kohen Smith placed 20th with one fish for 1.68 pounds. Also participating but not weighing in a keeper were Grant Comer and Owain Kelsey.

The High School division was won by Wes Warnock and Noah Woodring with four fish for 7.67 pounds, second went to Sam Elliott and Myles Motsinger with five fish for 7.14 and third to Mason Sisk and Garrett Deal with five fish for 6.72 pounds. Big Bass was boated by the team of Warnock and Woodring at 3.24 pounds.

Warnock and Woodring also lead the season points standings with 398 points. Perry and Ross are 13th with 334 points, Dean and Conover is 20th in 304, Comer and Kelsey were 23rd in 289, Carson Cammack and Brezden Leahigh were 42nd with 119, Brayden

Featherstone and A.J. Lamb were 42nd with 119, and Ayden Liter and Braxton Bray were 49th with 53.

In the Junior division the Madison team of Floyd Davis IV and Waylon Sowers didn't turn in a fish but lost a possible tournament Big Bass on the fight back to the boat. The junior division was won by Keaton Kratzer and Will Tuggle with 7.57 pounds from five fish, second place to Hunter Davis and Lincoln Adams 5.59 pounds on three fish and third place to John Brown and Blaise Summers 4.22 pounds from three fish.

The Madison Bass Fishing team, sponsored by Arvin Sango, will be participating in non-sanctioned events in September and October. The team will then begin the process of adding new members for the 2026 in November.

Title still up for grabs as H1 Unlimited concludes season in San Diego

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Five drivers are expected to compete in this weekend's H1 Unlimited season finale and all five still have a mathematical chance of coming away with the points championship as the series concludes its 2025 season on Mission Bay in San Diego.

Former Miss Madison pilot and defending series champion Andrew Tate sits atop the points standings with 4,075 points aboard the U-91 Goodman Real Estate and is the favorite to reclaim the crown. But with a little luck, even fifth-place Jamie Nilsen could end up on top.

J. Michael Kelly, driving the U-8 Beacon Electric, sits second, 424 points back while Kelly's teammate Corey Peabody, aboard the U-9 Beacon Plumbing, is in third, 436 back. Tate's teammate, Dave Villwock, is fourth in the U-27 Miss Apollo, 724 back,



Handout

SAN DIEGO BAYFAIR

while Nilsen is 798 back in the U-11 Flav-R-Pac.

A total of 2,100 points can be earned by teams this weekend so the final order of finish could be in for a shuffling.

Testing and qualifying for the San Diego Bayfair is Friday with the first

set of heat racing Saturday. The final heat will be held on Sunday and all racing can be viewed live on H1's YouTube channel.

H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Series

SAN DIEGO BAYFAIR
Mission Bay, San Diego
Event Schedule (All Times EDT)
Friday, Sept. 12
1:15-1:35 p.m. — Testing
3:05-3:20 p.m. — Qualifying
5:35-6:20 p.m. — Qualifying
Saturday, Sept. 13
11:50 a.m.-12:10 p.m. — Testing
12:50 p.m. — Heat 1
3:55 p.m. — Heat 2
7 p.m. — Heat 3
Sunday, Sept. 14
Noon-12:20 p.m. — Testing
2:10 p.m. — Heat 4
4:30 p.m. — Heat 5
6:40 p.m. — Final Heat



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Southwestern’s girls cross country team won the Scottsburg Invitational at Hanover College on Tuesday. Members of the team are (from left): Haylee Crawford, Mikayla Nussbaum, Sophie Ford, Tori Gammons, Kaylynn Warren, Chloe Sprayberry, Riley Zellers, Sarah Schneider and Savannah Nussbaum.

Southwestern girls XC runs to victory in Scottsburg Invite at Hanover

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern's girls cross country team rolled to victory and Rebel sophomore Savannah Nussbaum came away with a first place finish in the Scottsburg Invitational at Hanover College on Tuesday.

Southwestern packed all five scorers in the top 12 and scored 20 points to claim the win. Switzerland County was second with 54. Austin won the boys race with 65 points, Switzerland was fourth with 121 and Shawe tallied a 183.

Nussbaum won the girls race by more than a minute with a time of 20:13 while teammate Tori Gammons was third in 21:25. The rest of the Rebels' times were: Sophie Ford, sixth, 22:38; Mikayla Nussbaum, seventh, 22:38; Chloe Sprayberry, 12th, 23:10; Kaylynn Warren, 18th, 24:31; Riley Zellers, 19th, 24:40; Sarah Schneider, 25:14; and Haylee Crawford, 27:11.0.

Results for the Switzerland girls were: Claire Boggs, fifth, 22:06; Kaylynn Schaefer, 11th, 23:05; Jazmyn Blevins, 22nd, 24:46; and Miley Stroud, 54th, 31:28.

Results for the Shawe girls were: Margaret Stanley, 58th, 34:06; and Esperanza Garcia, 61st, 37:37.

Results for the Switzerland boys were: Cale Collier, 19th, 18:56; Landon Gross, 26th, 19:38; Gavin Rich, 36th, 20:42; Luke Sullivan, 241st, 20:53; Michael Gross, 42nd, 21:01; Josiah Holliday, 57th, 23:01;



Submitted

Southwestern’s Savannah Nussbaum won the Scottsburg Invitational on Tuesday at Hanover College. She won the race by over a minute with a time of 20:13.

Aillan Hartley, 62nd, 23:13; Seth Burke, 26:32; and Harlowe Haines, 29:00.

Results for the Shawe boys were: Cavaan Hambrick, 10th, 18:21; Cohenn Hambrick, 44th, 21:15; Victor Pacheco, 45th, 21:50; Keegan McMahan, 64th, 23:20; Zach Dougherty, 25:20; Ryder Wilson, 27:33; and Luke

Gardner, 86th, 28:12.

Results for the Southwestern boys were: Caden Ream, 22nd, 19:01; Thomas Gammons, 43rd, 21:01; Robert De Paz Gonzalez, 88th, 34:54; and Jonah Stroud, 89th, 35:07.

All three teams compete in the Jac-Cen-Del Invitational on Saturday.

Madison girls return to the golf course with two wins

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison girls golf finally returned to action after an unintentional week off and scored a pair of wins earlier this week.

Rainouts and cancelations forced the Cubs to take a late-season break but Madison claimed a dual-meet win over Scottsburg with a 195 at home on Tuesday and an impressive 161-191 win over Silver Creek on Wednesday.

Madison got the win by default over Scottsburg with the Warriors not fielding a complete team. Emmi Dowell had a 44 to lead the Cubs, Tera Scharlau had a personal-best 46, Claire Miller carded a 51, Emma Shockley had a 54 and Izzie Perry had a 59. In junior varsity rounds, Emily Garcia had a personal-best 57, Savannah Petro had a 63 and Marlee Thompson had a 65.

"I feel like the rainout and cancellations last week derailed us a little bit. We were playing well through six holes against Floyd Central, and we were tracking to be in the upper 170s or low 180s before we had to suspend play," Madison coach Jake Shockley said. "Emmi basically had one bad hole today on 14 and was pretty solid the rest of the way. Tera has been fantastic for us the last couple of weeks and has been improving steadily. She shot a 47 on the last official nine holes she had, I believe, and against Floyd, she was sitting at 31 strokes with three holes to play."

Madison's 161 against Silver Creek on Wednesday was the best nine-hole score in Shockley's tenure with the team. Dowell had a 33, Scharlau and Miller each had 42s, Emma Shockley had a 44 and Perry carded a 50. Dowell, Scharlau,

Miller and Shockley each had personal bests. In JV rounds, Petro had a 51 and Garcia had a personal-best 52.

"It sure is fun when it all comes together. All of the girls played really well this evening. They made smart choices off the tee, they locked in around the greens, and they didn't let bad shots get in their heads," Jake Shockley said. "Emmi's 33 was the best nine-hole score for us in a long time. She had her putter going today, and she was a perfect 4-for-4 with up-and-downs. Tera just keeps getting better rapidly. She started the season as the number seven, and we put her in the two-spot tonight. She did not disappoint."

Madison, now 9-0 in dual meets, hosted Seymour and Jennings County on Thursday and hosts Southwestern and Switzerland County next Tuesday.

VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Madison guts out pair of five-set wins

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison volleyball scored 3-2 wins over South Ripley and East Central earlier this week.

On Monday, the Cubs hosted South Ripley and won 22-25, 25-16, 22-25, 25-21, 15-6.

Brittan Neuman had 21 kills and 12 digs for the Cubs, Lilly Canida had 20 kills, five blocks and three aces, Ava Canida had 20 digs, Anna Black had 54 assists, seven kills and five blocks and Marley Stivers had 12 digs.

On Wednesday, Madison traveled to East Central and won in five sets. No statistics were available.

Madison, now 10-4 on the season, faces Springs Valley and Eastern (Pekin) in the Eastern Tournament on Saturday. The Cubs travel to Trinity Lutheran on

Monday and hosts Scottsburg next Tuesday.

TRIMBLE BEATS OWEN

Trimble County picked up a 3-1 win over Owen County at home on Tuesday, 25-18, 8-25, 25-14, 25-22.

Ellianna Pennix had seven kills for the Raiders, Kendra Mahoney had six kills, Emma Heaton had 11 assists, Anna Brierly had 17 digs and nine aces, and Emery Pierce had eight digs and seven aces.

Trimble, now 6-5 overall and 3-2 in the 31st District, traveled to Gallatin County on Thursday and plays in the Capital City Classic in Frankfort on Friday.

SHAWE DROPS TWO MATCHES

Shawe suffered a pair of losses to Jac-Cen-Del and Charlestown in three set matches this week.

Shawe lost to Jac-Cen-Del 25-19, 25-10, 25-17 and to Charlestown 25-18, 25-14, 25-17. No statistics were available.

Shawe, now 0-4 on the season, travels to Christian Academy of Madison on Friday and heads to Lanesville on Monday.

CARROLL LOST TWO MATCHES

Carroll County dropped a pair of matches in straight sets at home this week.

The Panthers lost 3-0 (25-16, 25-16, 25-11) to Henry County on Tuesday, and 2-0 to Grant County on Wednesday. No statistics for either match were available.

Carroll, now 3-9 overall and 0-4 in the 31st District, traveled to Eminence on Thursday and hosts Trimble County next Tuesday.

LOCAL LEAGUES

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT MONDAY, SEPT. 8 Instructional

Blue Bananas 14, The Royals 12 — Bananas: Rory Leach scored 3 runs. The Royals: Colton Osbourne scored 4 runs.

Blue Bananas 18, Reds 2 — Bananas: Tyler Mcqueary, Lana Caldwell, Rory Leach, Bennett Mix and Taylor Holskey scored 3 runs. Reds — Silas Melton and Joseph Brawner scored 1 run.

Girls Coach Pitch

Ice Queens 14, Party Animals 9 — Ice Queens: Ayaka Hashimoto and Brooklyn Brewer scored 4 runs. Party Animals: Madi Geyman scored 3 runs.

Ice Queens 14, Blood Red Tigers 3 — Ice Queens: Emmy Bohman scored 4 runs. Blood Red Tigers: Ellie Barnes, Dalyss Wampler and Emily Kline scored 1 run.

Boys Machine Pitch

Reds 15, Cubs 9 — Reds: Colton Barnes, Brycen Davidson and Casen Barnes scored

3 runs. Cubs: Rylan Sullivan and Aiden Maldonado-Moore scored 2 runs.

Dodgers 20, Reds 19 — Dodgers: Luke Jenkins and Noah Castro scored 4 runs. Reds: Carter Shepherd scored 4 runs.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9 Boys Coach Pitch

Pirates 13, Cyclones 7 — Pirates: Ryker Leach and Carter Carraco scored 3 runs. Cyclones: Grayson Ulery scored 3 runs. Green Machine 21, Pirates 10 — Green Machine: Anakin Hogston and Porter Sauley scored 4 runs. Pirates: Nolan Seaver, Ryker Leach and Carter Carraco scored 2 runs.

Girls Machine Pitch

Purple Thunder 12, She-Hulks 1 — Purple Thunder: Eva Boyd scored 4 runs. She-Hulks: Kate Liter scored 1 run.

Purple Thunder 14, Lady Devils 3 — Purple Thunder: Sadie Robertson scored 4 runs. Lady Devils: Chloe Zapp scored 2 runs.

TENNIS ROUNDUP

Southwestern netters post two shutouts

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern boys tennis swept Brownstown and South Dearborn earlier this week to remain undefeated on the season.

On Monday, Southwestern beat Brownstown 5-0 at home. Braxton Lewis, Talon Wynn and Quinton Lewis each posted wins in singles while Brady Cook and Colton Deputy and Max Joseph and Luke Morrow had wins in doubles.

Southwestern then beat South Dearborn 5-0 at home on Tuesday, winning every match 6-0, 6-0 without giving

up a game. Braxton Lewis, Wynn and Quinton Lewis all won in singles and Cook and Deputy and Joseph and Morrow had wins in doubles.

Southwestern, now 8-0, traveled to Madison on Thursday, hosts New Washington Friday and plays in the Southern Indiana Tennis Conference Tournament at Hanover on Saturday. The Rebels then host Henryville next Monday and travel to Jennings County next Tuesday.

CUBS FALL TO JENNINGS

Madison boys tennis suffered a 4-1 loss at Jennings

County on Tuesday.

Noah Meacham picked up a 6-1, 6-2 win at No. 2 singles but Carson Cammack lost 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 singles and Colin Zheng lost 6-1, 6-4 at No. 3 singles. Ayden Liter and Brock Brandon lost 6-0, 6-3 at No. 1 doubles and Ivan Tome and Elliott Kozenski lost 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2 doubles.

Madison hosted Southwestern on Thursday and plays in the SITC in Hanover on Saturday. The Cubs travel to Charlestown next Wednesday.

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Tennis

Southwestern boys host Henryville, 5 p.m.

Volleyball

Madison girls at Trinity

Lutheran, 7 p.m.

Shawe girls at Lanesville, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16 Cross Country

Shawe, Switzerland Co. at Milan, 5 p.m.

Golf

Madison girls host Southwestern, Switzerland Co., 4:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. boys and girls host Gallatin Co., 5 p.m.

Soccer

Switzerland Co. girls at Rising Sun, 5 p.m.

Shawe girls at Trinity Lutheran, 6 p.m.

Southwestern girls at Charlestown, 6 p.m.

Hanover women at DePauw, 7 p.m.

Madison boys host Batesville, 7 p.m.

Tennis

Southwestern boys at Greensburg, 5:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Madison girls host Scottsburg, 6:30 p.m.

Carroll Co. girls host Trimble Co., 7 p.m.

Southwestern girls host Milan, 7 p.m.



Darron Cummings/AP Photo

Indiana defensive back Louis Moore (7) celebrates an interception with defensive back Devan Boykin (12) during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Kennesaw State on Saturday in Bloomington, Ind.

Indiana CB Moore cleared for two more games after NCAA hearing delay deal

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Cornerback Louis Moore can play at least two more games for No. 22 Indiana after his legal team and the NCAA agreed Tuesday to delay the next hearing in his eligibility case in Dallas County, Texas. Moore is asking the governing body to grant him a sixth year of eligibility after he spent 2019-21 in junior college before heading to Mississippi the past two seasons. He transferred to Indiana this year after believing he could play one more college season. Judge Dale Tillery granted Moore a temporary restraining order last month, which allowed him to compete in the Hoosiers' first two games, but another hearing was scheduled for Wednesday. As part of the deal, though, the NCAA

agreed to delay the hearing and allow Moore to play two more games without penalizing either Moore or the Hoosiers. That means Moore should play Friday night against Indiana State and Sept. 20 when the Hoosiers host No. 9 Illinois in their Big Ten opener. Moore has been a key component of Indiana's second straight 2-0 start. He has an interception in each of the Hoosiers' first two games and led Indiana in tackles in a season-opening victory over Old Dominion. The Hoosiers have won all 10 home games under second-year coach Curt Cignetti. Indiana is trying to return to the College Football Playoff after completing a historic 2024 season with an 11-2 mark.

As Patrick lands on IR, the Bengals turn to new right guard Risner

BY CHARLIE GOLDSMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — With Bengals starting right guard Lucas Patrick now on injured reserve, offensive coordinator Dan Pitcher said the team is ready for Dalton Risner to fill that position. Risner was a free agent during training camp and signed with the team on Aug. 28. He then impressed the coaching staff with the way he was ready to go when Patrick injured his calf early in Sunday's 17-16 win over the Cleveland Browns. Cincinnati looks to go 2-0 for the first time since 2018 when it hosts the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday. "It's unfortunate that we're having to call on our depth as soon as we are, but it's certainly nice to have a guys that knows what it's supposed to look like," Pitcher said. "He has been in the book and done a remarkable job of picking everything up as quickly as he's picked it up. Good communicator. Smart. I really have very few concerns about getting him up and running." Patrick isn't eligible to return for at least four weeks, and coach Zac Taylor said the player's timeline to return is "right around that time frame." Risner started for a Minnesota Vikings team that made the postseason last year. He brings experience to the Bengals' offensive line, and he was able to fill the role quickly despite limited



Sue Ogrocki/AP Photo

Cleveland Browns defensive end Myles Garrett (95) celebrates with linebacker Devin Bush (30) after sacking Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow during the second half of an NFL football game on Sunday in Cleveland.

practice time. "Whether it's the blue collar feel, the family feel, the organization feels tight-knit, loyal, and it's an organization that wins football games, it's just somewhere you want to be," Risner said. "I'm really grateful to be here. I have a quote, 'When you're grateful for what you have, you have everything you need.' I'm really grateful to be here, I don't need a thing more." The Bengals had several options to replace Patrick on Sunday, including players with much more experience in Cincinnati. Cody Ford has been with the team since 2023, and rookie Jalen Rivers received a significant amount of first-team reps at right guard in training camp. Risner, who has started in 81 NFL games, was the

pick of the Bengals' coaching staff. "Dalton has come in and presented very well," Pitcher said. "It's just integrating him into our schemes and getting him up to speed. He's put every bit of time and effort he can to get up on the verbiage. It all makes sense to him. I feel very comfortable if he had to go in there he would help us." That experience is helpful for a Bengals team whose left guard, rookie Dylan Fairchild, had an up-and-down NFL debut. "Once you start playing real football, that's different than anything you've done through the preseason," Pitcher said. "He's taken every snap at left guard since he walked in the door, so our goal is to alleviate some of that. We're going

to continue to press him and have a high expectation for him and I'm confident he'll fulfill those expectations." While the Bengals have a rookie at left guard and a new piece at right guard, the team benefits from having captain Ted Karras at center. Pitcher said Karras has been an important piece contributing to helping the new linemen get up to speed. Last week, the Bengals rewarded Karras with a one-year contract extension. "Ted's huge for the team because of his leadership and his toughness and everything that comes with Ted," Pitcher said. "Specific to that position group, he's critical from a communications standpoint and leadership standpoint and making sure everyone is on the same page."

Taylor, Bengals happy to start season 1-0, even if it was an ugly victory

BY JOE REEDY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zac Taylor and the Cincinnati Bengals not only got a much-needed victory in an opener, they got it by winning ugly and a couple of breaks going their way. Cincinnati's 17-16 victory over the Cleveland Browns on Sunday was a far cry from last season when the Bengals lost four games despite scoring at least 30 points and dropped two games by one point. "Forget about the stats. Forget about the score. Forget about how it all played out. The best the outcome could have been was 1-0 and we're proud of that. We'll make some corrections and move forward," coach Zac Taylor said. It was also a game where Taylor can say all three phases contributed to the win. Joe Burrow and the offense struggled in the second half, but it found the end zone on two of the first three possessions to put the Bengals up 14-10 at halftime. The much-maligned defense was able to pick up the slack with a pair of interceptions by Jordan Battle and DJ Turner. Battle's pick helped set up Evan McPherson's go-ahead, 35-yard field goal. Cincinnati took the lead with 2:48 remaining in the third quarter after Cleveland rookie kicker Andre Szmyt missed an extra point, keeping the Browns advantage at 16-14. Szmyt also had a potential go-ahead 36-yard field-goal attempt go wide right with 2:22 remaining in the game. "I think, for our style of football we want to play as a team, when you can eliminate the run game, knock down the explosives, and allow our offense to put pressure on teams, then that's going to be a good recipe for winning," Taylor said on Monday. "I know we as an offense didn't support that in the second half, and we as defense did that part. And so there's gonna be times where different parts of the team's gonna lean on the other unit. That's gonna happen. That's over a 17-game



David Richard/AP Photo

Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase (1) walks off the field after a win over the Cleveland Browns in an NFL football game on Sunday in Cleveland.

season, that's what's gonna happen. "When we put it all together, we feel like we're gonna be pretty deadly. And I'm excited to look forward to playing together this week and doing our best to get that done." It is only the second time in Taylor's seven seasons that the Bengals have started the season with a win. The previous time was 2021 when Cincinnati reached the Super Bowl for the third time in franchise history before losing to the Los Angeles Rams. Taylor and the coaching staff stressed getting off to a good start early. After hosing Jacksonville on Sunday, the Bengals will have five straight games against teams that reached the playoffs last season, with three being on the road. "We didn't win any of these games last year. Usually when you can win a game like this, that's a recipe for success and that means you are going to be a good team if you can find a lot of different ways to win," Burrow said. **WHAT'S WORKING** Pass defense. Besides Battle and Turner's interceptions, the Bengals allowed only five completions on 13 attempts thrown 11 yards or more downfield. Last season opponents had a 53.4% completion rate on inter-

mediate and long passes, the third highest in the league. Cleveland's longest completion of the day, a 25-yard reception by Jerry Jeudy, was on the final play of the game. **WHAT NEEDS HELP** Run blocking. Chase Brown averaged a league worse -2.8 yards before contact. Six of Brown's 22 carries went for no gain or negative yards. **STOCK UP** DT Mike Pennel was in for 22 plays after being signed last Monday to the practice squad. Pennel, cut by the Chiefs at the end of preseason, was promoted to the gameday roster and had one solo tackle, three assists and a quarterback pressure. **STOCK DOWN** WR Andrei Iosivas, fourth on the Bengals with 36 receptions last season, wasn't targeted on any of the 17 routes he ran. **INJURIES** Taylor said on Monday starting right guard Lucas Patrick will be out at least two weeks because of a calf injury. Dalton Risner came in and played the remainder of the game, but Taylor did not commit to Risner being the starter. **KEY NUMBERS**

4: Consecutive wins by the Bengals over their in-state rival. Taylor lost seven of his first nine meetings against the Browns. 6: Years since the Bengals had last won a one-point game before Sunday (Week 4 of the 2018 season at Atlanta). 7: Offensive net yards by the Bengals in the second half, the fewest an NFL team has had in a win since 2000 according to SportRadar. The previous mark was 13 by Tennessee in a 24-17 Week 15 win over Jacksonville in 2006.



AJ Mast/AP Photo

Indianapolis Colts tight end Tyler Warren (84) runs for a first down during the second half of an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins on Sunday in Indianapolis.

The Colts look like they've found a difference-making tight end in rookie Warren

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts drafted tight end Tyler Warren to be a playmaker. He needed one game to prove he was worthy of the No. 14 overall pick. Warren caught seven passes for 76 yards, rushed for a first down and nearly made his first touchdown catch in Indy's first season-opening victory in a dozen years, a 33-8 rout of Miami on Sunday. His reception total was tied for second since 1970 among NFL tight ends making their first career start, and he was second in franchise history in receiving yards by a rookie tight end in his debut.

It wasn't just the numbers that turned heads. "He adds a lot," new starting quarterback Daniel Jones said. "He's a dangerous guy with the ball in his hands. He's going to make extra yards. He's physical. He's going to go up and make the tough catch." The Colts (1-0) saw those traits on Warren's college tape from Penn State long before they drafted him, and again when he excelled during training camp. On Sunday, Warren showed how he can exploit the middle of the field, open up passing lanes for others, convert short-yardage plays into first downs, or maybe even throw a pass as he did in college and as a prep star in Virginia.



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Carroll's Battaglia repeats as NCKC champion

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

WHEATLEY, Ky. — Carroll County's Dustin Battaglia dominated Fairway Golf Course on Tuesday — and the North Central Kentucky Conference field — to win his second straight conference championship with a 4-under 67.

Battaglia's score was not only four strokes better than runner-up Isaac Abney of Henry County (35-36-712) but seven strokes better than his medalist round of 74 while winning the 2024 NCKC championship on the same course during a state tourney qualifying junior season.

The win was a bit of home cooking for Battaglia since Fairway is his home course — earlier this summer he won the club tourney Championship Flight — and knows his way around the course. He carded a 34 on the front 9 and a 33 on the back for his 67 on Tuesday.

The individual conference championship win was Carroll's third straight including Ayden Taylor's 2023 victory at Sugar Bay in

Warsaw. Carroll County went on to finish second as a team Tuesday to Abney's Henry County teammates 310-316. Trimble County was fifth with a 423 while Owen County was third and Gallatin County fourth.

In addition to Battaglia's medalist round, Carroll put two other golfers on the all-conference team with Luke Taylor and Dalten Wilson both carding 78s to tie for fifth individually. Rennin Sanders shot a 93 and Bryce Furnish had a 99 to round out Carroll's scoring.

Trimble County was led by Liam Taylor with an 89, Noah Chilton shot 101, Matthew Payne 115, Wyatt Wilson 118 and Nate Hance carded a 122.

Trimble's girls golf team also competed in the NCKC tourney with Kendall Holbrook leading the Raiders with a 98. Kenlee McIntyre shot a 126 and Sarah Kate Chilton had a 128. Trimble failed to post a team score when the Raiders' fourth player, River Smith, did not finish her round.

Owen County won the girls NCKC tournament with a 302 team total. Gallatin County was second with a 372 and Henry County finished third.

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Carroll County's Dustin Battaglia was the individual medalist and conference champion of the boys 2025 North Central Kentucky Conference golf tourney Tuesday with a four under par 67 at Fairway Golf Course in Wheatley. The win was Battaglia's second straight NCKC title. Meanwhile, the Panthers were the conference runner-up as a team with a four player total of 316.



Abby Hooven

Trimble County's Liam Taylor rolls a putt during Tuesday's North Central Kentucky Golf Tournament at Fairway Golf Course in Wheatley. Taylor carded an 89 to lead the Raiders, who placed fifth with a team score of 423.



Abby Hooven

Trimble County's Kendall Holbrook pitches out of the greenside rough during Tuesday's North Central Kentucky Golf Tournament at Fairway Golf Course in Wheatley. Holbrook carded a 98 to lead the Raiders, who fell one player short of having enough golfers for a team score.

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COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

— Several athletes earned player of the week honors from the Ohio River Valley Conference.

Southwestern's Savannah Nussbaum and Switzerland County's Claire Boggs shared the award in girls cross country. Switzerland's Alexis Mangold was named in girls golf, Shawe's Gus Grote won the award in boys soccer, and Switzerland's Emma Parsons won the award in girls soccer.

— Southwestern junior varsity boys tennis claimed a 3-0 win over Brownstown on Monday.

Kobe Rogers won in singles and Kingston Elliott and Luke Coles and Shane Hardy and

Brady Bowman both won in doubles.

— Shawe Junior High's cross country teams both claimed victory in a race at Switzerland County on Tuesday.

Results for the boys were: Sam Gish, first, 11:09; John Paul Guetig, second, 11:36; Martin Wilhelm, third, 12:04; Finn Reed, sixth, 14:12; Dylan Schaefer, seventh, 14:18; Dylan Gall, eighth, 14:20; and Camden Green, 11th, 15:21.

Results for the girls were: Holland Kring, first, 12:03; Ari Alderman, second, 12:15;

Ryley Carinal, fourth, 14:13; Olivia Hill, fifth, 14:14; Addy Ciejk, ninth, 15:51; Lily Hay, 10th, 16:23; Noah Warren, 11th, 17:02; and Evie Cate Reed, 12th, 20:40.

— Shawe Junior High volleyball lost 22-25, 25-14, 15-10 to Jac-Cen-Del on Monday.

Payton Laskowski, Ali Bear-Curtis, Adley Ashcraft and Morgan Ralston played well

for the Hilltoppers.

— Shawe and Switzerland County ended in a 1-1 draw in junior high boys soccer on Monday.

Tanner Sims and Johnny Cooke both scored one goal for the Hilltoppers. Ayden Dempler had one assist while goalie Patrick Kahn played well in the goal with nine saves and one assist.

Shawe is now 7-0-1.

— Trimble County softball will hold open field workouts for any athlete grades sixth through 12th not currently involved in fall sports beginning Thursday, Sept. 18, and then meeting on Thursday nights from 5-6:30 p.m. To participate you must have a current sports physical on file

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NCAA bans 3 college basketball players for betting on their own games at Fresno St, San Jose St

BY CLIFF BRUNT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NCAA banned three men's college basketball players for sports betting on Wednesday, saying they had bet on their own games at Fresno State and San Jose State and were able to share thousands of dollars in payouts.

The NCAA Committee on Infractions released findings from an enforcement investigation that concluded Mykell Robinson, Steven Vasquez and Jalen Weaver bet on one another's games and/or provided information that enabled others to do so during the 2024-25 regular season; two of them manipulated their performances to ensure certain bets were won. The eligibility was permanently revoked.

The NCAA said a sports integrity monitoring service in January notified Fresno State and NCAA enforcement staff that a Nevada sportsbook operator had flagged suspicious prop bets on Robinson. The investigation began a week later. The Associated Press could not immediately locate the former players for comment.

According to the NCAA, Robinson and Vasquez had been roommates at Fresno State during the 2023-24 season. In January 2025, Robinson and Vasquez, now at San Jose State, discussed over text message that Robinson planned to underperform in several statistical categories during a regular-season game. Robinson also placed multiple bets on Weaver, his teammate at Fresno State in 2024-25, the NCAA found.

The game that drew attention to Robinson was Fresno State's Jan. 7 matchup with Colorado State. The NCAA said he had three bets based on his his performance—one was \$200 to win \$1,450; the second was \$800 to win \$5,800; and the third was \$1,200 to win \$8,700.

Investigators found that before that game, Robinson told his mother to transfer money by Apple Pay to Vasquez so Vasquez could coordinate a \$200 bet on



Gary Kazanjian/AP Photo

Fresno State's Mykell Robinson drives against San Diego State during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Fresno Calif. on Dec. 4, 2024.



Ian Maule/AP Photo

Fresno State guard Jalen Weaver (5) shoots over during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Utah State in the quarterfinal round of the Mountain West Conference tournament on March 14, 2024, in Las Vegas.

Robinson's under-line for Robinson. After the game, the NCAA said, Vasquez helped Robinson transfer \$1,425 of the winnings to Robinson's mother. On Jan. 10, Vasquez provided \$200 to Robinson.

Also last season, Robinson placed 13 daily fantasy sports over-line and under-line prop bets totaling \$454 on parlays that included his own performance. He collected \$618 on one occasion, the NCAA said.

Robinson placed bets on Weaver before a game in late December 2024 after he and Weaver exchanged information about their respective betting lines, the NCAA said. Weaver also placed a \$50 prop bet on a parlay for himself, Robinson and a third athlete, and he won \$260.

Vasquez and Robinson failed to cooperate with the enforcement staff's investigation, the NCAA said.

Weaver cooperated and agreed to the violation in his case.

All three were released from their respective teams and are no longer enrolled at their previous schools. Neither school was punished.

Fresno State said it cooperated willingly with the NCAA.

"The university proactively shared reported information concerning sports wagering activity with the NCAA and worked collaboratively with the NCAA staff throughout the investigation," the school said in a statement. "While the eligibility consequences for the former student-athletes are significant, the case ultimately resulted in a Level III/Secondary violation and no sanctions for the institution. The university continues to have confidence in the Fresno State Athletics' culture and is grateful to

conclude this matter."

San Jose State said in a statement that it is aware of the decision and noted that Vasquez had already been removed from the roster several months ago. He graduated in May 2025.

The latest case comes eight years after a 2017 federal investigation into off-the-books payments to players and their families that, at the time, was against NCAA rules and one of the biggest scandals in the sport's history.

Since then, the growth of legalized gambling across the United States has raised concerns for college sports leaders and there have been allegations against schools involving betting, including some against three other basketball programs earlier this year.

The NCAA in June said that "several sports betting-related violations by staff members at NCAA schools" have been resolved in recent years and noted its enforcement staff was working on issuing notices of allegations in several ongoing gambling cases.

"The enforcement staff's sports betting-related caseload has significantly increased in recent years, and our staff—including our new sports betting integrity unit—has been effective in detecting and pursuing violations," Jon Duncan, NCAA vice president of enforcement, said then.

The nation's largest college sports organization, overseeing some 500,000 athletes, also said it was considering a proposal that would allow athletes and staff members to bet on professional sports and shift enforcement efforts to college sports betting and "behaviors that directly impact game integrity." The Division I Council introduced the proposal that will be considered this fall and be implemented if Divisions II and III officials also approve.



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Cincinnati Reds' Elly De La Cruz watches his RBI single during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres on Wednesday in San Diego.

De La Cruz and Andujar lead late rally that gives the Reds a 2-1 win over the Padres

BY BERNIE WILSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Elly De La Cruz and pinch-hitter Miguel Andujar delivered RBI singles in the eighth inning as the Cincinnati Reds beat the San Diego Padres 2-1 on Wednesday night to take two of three games in a series between National League playoff contenders.

Andrew Abbott (9-6) threw eight sparkling innings to help Cincinnati pull even with San Francisco in the wild-card standings, two games behind the New York Mets for the NL's final postseason berth.

Nick Pivetta pitched four-hit ball for seven scoreless innings and the Padres had a 1-0 lead on Fernando Tatis Jr.'s home run before the Reds broke through against relievers Kyle Hart and Adrian Morejon in the eighth. Hart allowed TJ Friedl's one-out bunt single before Morejon came on with two outs and gave up De La Cruz's single to right to bring in Friedl, who beat Tatis' throw with a headfirst slide to score the tying run from second base.

De La Cruz stole second before Morejon (11-5) walked Austin Hays and yielded Andujar's single that dropped in front of left fielder Ramón Laureano to bring in De La Cruz with the go-ahead run. The Padres dropped three

games behind the first-place Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West with 16 to play. San Diego holds the second of three National League wild cards.

Tatis homered to left with one out in the fifth off Abbott, his 21st. It was San Diego's first homer this series after the Reds hit five in the first two games.

With two outs in the seventh, Laureano leaped at the wall to rob Ke'Bryan Hayes of a homer.

On Tuesday night, Tatis made a perfectly timed leap to get his glove well above the right-field wall to rob Tyler Stephenson of a two-run shot. Stephenson later hit a go-ahead, two-run homer to left and the Reds won 4-2.

KEY MOMENT

Tony Santillan allowed Gavin Sheets' leadoff double in the ninth before retiring the side for his sixth save.

KEY STAT

The Reds have won four of five.

UP NEXT

Reds RHP Brady Singer (13-9, 3.98 ERA) starts Friday night on the road against the Athletics.

Padres RHP Randy Vásquez (4-6, 3.91) pitches Thursday night at home against the Rockies.

WNBA playoff matchups will be decided on final day of regular season

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — The WNBA enters the final day of its regular season Thursday night with the eight playoff teams set, but three of the four first-round matchups are still to be determined.

Minnesota, Las Vegas, Atlanta, Phoenix, New York, Golden State, Indiana and Seattle all reached the postseason. The only three seeds that are locked in ahead of Thursday night's regular-season finale are Minnesota at No. 1, Phoenix at 4 and New York at 5.

Las Vegas, which has won 15 straight games, will get the second seed with a win over Los Angeles on Thursday night. A loss would put the Dream at No. 2. If the Sparks win it also would give the franchise an equal two-year record with Washington, meaning the two franchises would split their draft lottery odds. If neither team drew a top-two selection, then the



Steve Marcus/AP Photo

Las Vegas Aces guard Jewell Loyd (24) reacts after scoring a 3-point basket against the Chicago Sky during the second half of a WNBA basketball game on Tuesday in Las Vegas. Loyd scored her 6,000th career point during the game.

Mystics would get the No. 3 pick because they had a worse record this season.

Golden State made history as the first expansion team to make the postseason in its inaugural year. The Valkyries visit the Lynx to close out the season. A win would get them the sixth seed while they'd fall to the eighth seed with a loss.

The Indiana Fever would

earn the sixth seed with a loss by the Valkyries and the No. 7 seed with a Golden State victory. Seattle would be seventh with a loss by Golden State and eighth with a victory.

All four of the playoff series begin Sunday with Game 2 of the best-of-three series shifting to the lower-seeded team's homecourt on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

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